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PREFACE.

In the following attempt to "point" the Canticles and Psalms, I have proposed to myself two very simple ends: first, to avoid every kind of false accent; and, secondly, to obtain an easy and natural flow of words. Unless the first object be kept in view, the meaning of the Psalms themselves must perpetually be obscured; while the second is necessary to satisfy the requirements of good taste and the dictates of musical feeling. It is in the combination of these two principles—the principle of correct accent on the one hand and of good taste on the other—that the perfection of a system of pointing will naturally be found.

Much has been said and written about the exceeding difficulty of the task which I have taken in hand. I venture to think that the difficulties are considerably lessened by a regard to the two principles suggested above. In the great majority of verses, the required emphasis would appear to decide the question of pointing at once. It can seldom be a matter of opinion whereabouts, in any short sentence, an intelligent reader would cause his emphasis to fall; and, wherever a stress is laid in reading, common sense requires that a musical accent should also be given when the words are sung. In chanting the Psalms, this accent can be obtained only in one way:* the emphatic syllable must be placed in the accented part—*i.e.*, the beginning—of the Bar;† and we shall have as many emphatic positions as the Chant has Bars.

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Now, the modern form of a Single Chant has been generally understood to consist of five Bars of strictly metrical time, besides two Bars of indefinite length, on which a certain number of words are more or less rapidly recited. And when the difficulty of reciting these words distinctly, without assigning any special emphasis to any of them, was found to engender the common fault of "gabbling," means were devised, more ingenious than practical, for obtaining an artificial accent on some word at the close of the Recitation. To meet this view, syllables have sometimes been marked with an acute or grave accent, and sometimes printed in capitals, or italics, or black letters;* the word thus printed being intended to catch the Choristers' eye, and arrest him in his "gabbling;" and also to denote the commencement of an "imaginary Bar," or an imaginary half-Bar, linking the Recitation of the Chant to its strictly metrical part. The system thus enunciated deserves to be treated with respect, because it has found favour with musicians of eminence, and is adopted to this day in many of our Cathedrals; but few persons would be bold enough to say that it has proved successful. In my own very humble judgment, the utter misapprehension which it betrays of the nature of the Reciting Note, and its unphilosophical attempt to obtain a musical accent otherwise than on musical principles, have overlaid a comparatively simple matter with a host of difficulties, and have thereby, in spite of the highest talents and the best intentions, rather discouraged than promoted the chanting of the Psalms themselves.

The plain truth is that the Single Chant consists not of five metrical Bars, but of seven; the first and the fourth of which are sometimes, but not always, preceded by a few words of recitation. In such verses, for instance, as Psalm cxlviii., 3:

| Praise Him, | sun and | moon: | praise Him, | all ye | stars and | light,

the two first words of each phrase form in either case as true a Bar as any of those which follow them; and there can be

* For lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, lo, Thine ENe | mies shall | perish: and all the workers of WICKed | ness shall | be de | stroyed.

no reason whatever why they should not be marked in the ordinary way. In a long verse, such as Psalm lxviii., 30,

When the company of the spearmen, and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people, so that they } | humbly bring | pieces of | silver: |

And when He hath | scattered the | people that de | light in | war,

the seven Bars of the melody are just as plainly marked, and the Recitation forms a natural and easy introduction to each phrase.

The Reciting Note, then, is not a part of the Chant itself, but an introduction to it; not an indefinitely prolonged Bar, but a rapid recital of words which are incapable, by their very combination, of being comprised within any Bar which the given phrase puts at our disposal; being subject, not to the laws of musical accent, but to those of punctuation, and the natural rhythm of words. And, if this truth be borne in mind, the transition from one part of the verse to the other becomes a matter of no difficulty whatever. For it is open to any Reader, whether reading on one note or on several, at any moment he pleases, to leave off reading, and begin to sing a metrical tune. It is what every English Priest does continually, when, as in chanting the Litany, he gives a musical inflection at the end of a prayer. But it is not open to any Singer, still less to a Choir of Singers together, to sing the first half of a musical phrase in no time at all, and to divide the other half into Bars. And, if any one attempts to do so, he produces just that hopeless confusion of accents, that awkward unmeaning pause, which has been the destruction of all good chanting since chanting first began. True singing is always metrical;* and the reciting note, not being metrical, is no musical phrase at all, but a *bonâ fide* recitation, or reading (to borrow a homely illustration) in a sing-song manner. The seven Bars of melody, on the other hand, are seven true Bars,

* Even in a *rallentando*, or *ad libitum* passage, the musical rhythm is strictly preserved; the notes still retain their relative value; and the time is not broken, but only changed.

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beyond a certain word, they clearly cannot prevent his gabbling up to it: nay, they almost invite him to do so by the very fact of catching his eye. The true way to avoid gabbling, or any other fault, is to point your Psalter properly in the first instance, and place your accent in every case where the chorister's instinct tells him it ought to be. No boy can sing a verse well which is pointed badly; but, see that your accents are true, and you need not puzzle and bewilder him with any further marks or signs. If your system requires such complicated machinery to work it, so much the worse for the system. It is no merit in a Psalter, but very much the reverse, that it should be so overloaded with varieties of type and mysterious symbols as to look more like a Mathematical Treatise than a book of devotions; and you can have no better test of a really good system of pointing than this—that your verses flow so naturally and smoothly, as to help the chorister to learn his Psalms by heart, and sing them without any book whatever.

Acting on these principles, and with seven true Bars at my disposal to mark my accented words, I have very generally found my verses almost *pointing themselves* as I have read them over, without giving me any trouble at all. But, on the other hand, there are certain verses which it is undeniably hard to point satisfactorily; verses in which the principles of correct accent and good taste come manifestly into collision; and where we have to choose whether we will sacrifice the right emphasis, that our sentence may run more smoothly, or preserve the spirit of the writer's meaning, at the expense of an awkward combination of words. In such cases as these we must do the best we can; and probably, when we have done it, we shall be dissatisfied still: but it will help us, in making our choice, to bear this always in mind—that the system of pointing which is correct, but harsh, will commend itself more and more to our common sense, and grow upon us every day; while that which violates unduly the spirit and intention of the words, for the sake of gratifying the ear with a pleasing cadence, will perpetually offend our understanding, and weary us with its lifelessness and unreality. In other words, it is possible to become reconciled, by frequent use, to a clumsy

sentence; but it is not possible, by any amount of practice, to make a false accent appear true.

It is on this ground that I claim the kind indulgence of those into whose hands my little book may happen to fall. Guided ever by the firm conviction, that the true principles of pointing the Psalms are natural, and not artificial, and are seated far beyond the reach of mere conventional rules, I have transgressed, again and again, a host of popular theories, and done violence, I fear, to many a deeply rooted prejudice. I have even introduced four syllables into a Bar,* if the Bar seemed naturally to include them. But, by way of apology for doing so, I ask the intelligent reader to consider the alternative. Let him read or sing to himself the following verses, pointed first as I find them given in the Psalters most generally used, and afterwards on the principle which I have myself adopted.†

1. He hath prepared for him the instru | ments of | death.
2. Behold he travail | eth with | mischief.
3. Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms | of the | earth.
4. My heart is disquiet | ed with | in me.
5. I should utter | ly have | fainted.
6. Thou forgavest them, O Lord, and punish | edst their | own in | ventions.
7. Kings' daughters were among thy honour | able | women.
8. And speaketh good of the covet | ous, whom | God ab- | horreth.
9. And his righteous | ness en | dureth for | ever.

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* I do not pretend to say that I am the first who has done so. Editors of no less authority than Dr. Wesley and Mr. Thorne have preceded me. But the prejudice against the system is still so strong, that any attempt to overcome it is practically an innovation.

† In this case I have marked off only five metrical Bars to each complete verse, as being the system to which the reader is most accustomed, and as serving, therefore, more clearly the purpose of illustration.

6. Thou forgavest them, O LORD, and | punishedst their | own in | ventions.

7. Kings' daughters were among thy | honourable | women.

8. And speaketh good of the | covetous, whom | GOD ab- | horreth.

9. And his | righteousness en | dureth for | ever.

Let the reader compare clause with clause, and say candidly whether the first is not stiff and stilted beyond all endurance, and untrue to sense besides; while the other is at least natural and spirited, and conveys the real meaning of the words. Let him say whether it is not almost inconceivable, that any musician, or any man of taste, could invent a set of accents so hopelessly false, for the sake of gratifying a mere thoughtless prejudice against placing four syllables in a Bar. Does not common sense, and every other instinct which may be supposed to guide a reasonable man, point at once to the conclusion, that the spirit of the words must in every possible instance be preserved at all hazards, unless the magnificent poetry of the Psalter is to be turned into sheer nonsense, before a whole congregation of worshippers? And if, as in the 6th of the above illustrations, the singer should encounter a really awkward passage here and there, and should find it difficult to sing clearly four syllables in a Bar, is not the remedy obvious enough, that he must practice the distinct articulation of his consonants until it becomes easy?

While speaking, however, of distinct articulation, it may perhaps be worth while to raise the question whether our present system of chanting is not a great deal too fast. Nobody, of course, would advocate "drawling;" but it is surely possible to err in the other extreme: and the reckless fashion in which syllables are now crowded together, and commas ignored, tells its own tale only too plainly. We have gained a certain amount of vigour and briskness; but, if we have lost distinctness and expression, we have made but a poor exchange.

The correct pronunciation of certain words in the Psalter is a matter which has been so much neglected, that I hope to be forgiven for offering a few remarks upon it. I make this

apology advisedly, because this is a point upon which people are somewhat sensitive, and some persons might be disposed to take offence where no offence was intended. The illustrations which I have drawn are naturally taken from districts with which I am myself familiar. It could scarcely have been otherwise, unless I were content to be merely theorising, instead of dealing with mistakes of actual occurrence. But nobody is too old to learn, or too perfect for improvement; and a slovenly or false pronunciation is so serious a blemish in any system of chanting, that it is worth some little pains to correct and overcome it. In some parts of the provinces the letter *s* or *c* is perpetually turned into *z*, and you will hear *dezolate* for *desolate*, *plazes* for *places*, *fazes* for *faces*, and *sacrifize* for *sacrifice*. The dropping of the H is a fault to which it is scarcely necessary to call attention, except for the sake of noticing two specially painful instances of it, in the words *holy* and *abhor*. The broad pronunciation of the long *i* is most commonly observed in and near London. The words *loight*, *divoine*, and *toime*, are familiar examples. In the same district, as in others, may be noticed a distressingly nasal rendering of the words *loud*, *shout*, *Thou*, &c., which, however, it is impossible to illustrate by any mode of spelling. On the other hand, words of this class are frequently pronounced far too broad, and made to sound as if they were *load*, and *though*. The former effect, it may be remarked, is produced by widening the mouth; the latter by contracting it, till it becomes almost round.

Consoom for *consume*, *noo* for *new*, *sāith* for *saith*, *fullish* for *foolish*, *neether* for *neither*, *coir* for *choir* (*Quire*), *opun* for *open*, *takern* for *taken*, are signs of an imperfect education, and ought to be speedily abandoned. But *heighth* for *height*, *covechus* for *covetous*, *forgivem* and *heavem*, instead of *forgiven* and *heaven*, and *amongst* or *among*, made to rhyme with *strong*, instead of with *strung*, are, on the part of educated persons, manifest oversights, which a moment's consideration would rectify. The words *agaīnst* and *agaīn* are often most unnecessarily lengthened out, and should always be pronounced, as indeed they were formerly spelt, *agenst* and *agen*. Such words as *heaven*, *even*, *driven*, and *towards*, should always be treated

as one syllable; and wherever two notes are assigned to them, they should not be divided, but slurred. It is not however necessary, on this account, to leave out the vowels of such words, and employ an apostrophe, after the fashion which is permitted to disfigure the pages of all our Poetry Books. The merest child could scarcely go wrong in reading such words as *listening, every, suffering, favourite, dangerous, the ocean,* and *to adore;* or require that they should be written for him *list'ning, ev'ry, suff'ring, fav'rite, dang'rous, th'ocean,* and *t'adore.* Imagine a Virgil or Horace treated in a similar manner, and the line *Postquam altos ventum in montes, atque invia lustra,** printed, for the schoolboy's convenience, *Postqu' altos vent'in montes, atqu' invia lustra!* And surely the rules of prosody are at any rate not less strict in Latin than in English.

There are certain words concerning which I speak with great diffidence, because in so doing I am brought into collision with a class of persons whom I esteem so highly, that I should always suspect myself of being in the wrong in cases wherein we differ. It appears to be a generally accepted principle, that some particular words are to be pronounced in one way when read, and in another way when sung. Now, of course, if the Professor tells you that such and such sounds cannot be satisfactorily rendered in singing, the matter is settled at once, and the Amateur's mouth is closed. He may regret that his native tongue, which he has fondly believed to be the most poetical and expressive of all languages under heaven, should prove to be so ill adapted for the highest purpose to which language can possibly be applied, that its words have to be tortured out of shape, and robbed of all their primary significance, before they can be employed as vehicles of musical sound. But he can do no more than regret it. The Professor must be the best judge of his own business, and it would be sheer impertinence to attempt to teach him. But is it, after all, an absolute necessity that words should be so perverted? Must *hăth* be always *harth,* and *blăsphemy, blarsphemy,* and *pănts, parnts?* Must *ear, fear,* and *near,*

* Virg. Æn. iv. 151.

instead of being slurred as in reading, be sung as two syllables, and made to sound as if they were written *ə . . . . . ar, fə . . . . . ar,* and *nə . . . . . ar?* Must the derivation of such words as *glor-y, endur-eth,* and *fur-ious,* be for ever obscured, and a totally different impression of their meaning conveyed, by rendering them *glō . . . . . ry, endū . . . . . reth,* and *fū . . . . . rious?* My own humble belief is that a careful consideration of such a matter as this is not beneath the dignity of even the most accomplished vocalist; that the distinct enunciation of our consonants has been most unfairly neglected, and the vowels exaggerated to such a degree that one word can scarcely be distinguished from another; and that a most mischievous but not unnatural prejudice has thereby arisen, that singing as a general rule tends to obscure the meaning of words, and ought not therefore to be encouraged, to any great extent, in the services of the Church. Something also is probably due to the carelessness of composers, who have divided, or suffered others to divide, the words which they have set to music, without due regard to their meaning. I am not aware of one single composition, in the whole range of Church music, in which the etymology of the words is not thus ruthlessly set at defiance. *Righ-teous, spea-keth, accor-ding, visi-ted,* and *u-pon,* are indefensible on any principle whatever. It might be considered, perhaps, almost an affectation to insist on the correct division of such words as *salv-ation, serv-ant,* and *post-erity;* but there is one word which ought to be rescued at any cost, for the sake of the precious signification it bears. *Re-deem,* if it means anything at all, means to *think again.* Nobody would suppose, to see it thus divided, that it is derived from the Latin *emo,* and means to *buy back again.*

It has always been a mystery to me how any man of good taste can endure the conventional treatment, by poets and musicians, of the word *wind.* Pronounced short, as it should be, there is not a more expressive or musical word in the English language. You can almost hear the breeze rustling past you as you say it. The long pronunciation, *wīnd,* is no doubt equally poetical in its way, but suggests some totally different idea—a pathway, perhaps, climbing a hill, or a river

wandering through the meadows. It certainly cannot be suggestive, even to the most vivid imagination, of the winds of heaven. And as for the difficulty of enunciating it, it is not quite apparent why *wĭnd* should be harder to sing than *wĭnter*, or *wĭngs*, or *wĭndow*, or *whĭsper*, or *wĭthered*—words perpetually occurring in songs of every class. The argument sometimes employed on behalf of the pronunciation *wīnd*, that poets cannot find a word to rhyme with *wĭnd*, it does not come within the scope of the present work to answer. Possibly it might be hardly worth while to answer it under any circumstances, either here or anywhere else.

There is one painfully general fault, chiefly in connection with the singing of the Psalms, which concerns the Congregation and not the Choir. Following out the present popular theory* of Congregational Music, anybody who fancies that he has a quick ear, and who happens to be attending the Service in some Cathedral or elsewhere, imagines himself qualified, and therefore called upon, to assist the Trebles with their melody, whenever he can catch it from them. And you may hear not casual visitors only, but habitual attendants at our Choral Services—men who have been familiar with Cathedrals all their life, and ought to know better—uttering the most distressing sounds, extemporising, scrap by scrap, little voice-parts of their own, humming to themselves the Chorister's solo, taking up, after their own fashion, the Treble points or leads, and making themselves on the whole so conspicuous, that if they were placed immediately behind the Choir, instead of at some little distance from it, the Service must inevitably

* This theory appears to be, (1) that every Christian worshipper is *bound*, by his very membership with the Church, to join in certain portions at least of the service, whether it be Choral or otherwise; and, (2) viewing the obligation as a privilege, that it is his undoubted *right* to do so. I have never yet discovered any pretence of an argument on which either principle can be maintained. The first is sufficiently disposed of by the fact, that to a considerable number of persons singing is a physical impossibility. And, as for the *privilege* of singing, it seems to have been generally overlooked that, by a universal law of morals, no right whatever can be claimed for those who do not qualify themselves to exercise it. The right to join in a musical service is acquired by submitting to a musical training; and is forfeited at once by any man, however highly endowed with natural gifts, who will not be at the pains to cultivate either his voice or ear.

be stopped altogether. What can such a man think? Does he really suppose that all the education and daily practice of the Choir is to go absolutely for nothing; and that he, who has never devoted half an hour in the whole course of his existence to the cultivation of his voice and ear, can possibly be fit to join in a service, for the bare performance of which it is necessary to bring together some two dozen of more or less accomplished singers, at a cost of from £1500 or £2000 a year? He may become fit to join in such a service if he pleases. Granting that he has been endowed with a certain amount of musical taste, the ways of cultivating it are just as open to him as to any member of the Choir. But if he will not learn to sing properly, it is not reasonable that he should attempt to sing at all. And if he could only know what mischief he is doing, what a foolish exhibition of himself he is making, and how persistently he is thwarting the best efforts of the Organist and Choir, he would surely either put himself at once in the Choirmaster's hands, or desist from his attempts at singing altogether.

With reference to the above paragraph, which has been forced from me by the painful experience of many years, I will assure the reader that nothing is further from my purpose than to wound, however slightly, the feelings of any one. At the same time it must be remembered, that if the fear of giving offence is always to forbid our speaking out, popular abuses could never be corrected. All that seems needful is that the subject should be introduced with judgment, and dealt with in temperate language; and, whereinsoever I have fallen short in this respect, I offer my sincere apologies. Nevertheless it is scarcely fair that the annoyance should be admitted only on one side; that persons should be at liberty to sing out of tune as much as they please, and any one should be thought guilty of bad taste who ventures to raise objections. And, after all, those whose privilege it is to distress their neighbours and interrupt the service, to their hearts' content, every day of their life, cannot think themselves very hardly used, if they meet with no severer rebuke than a mild word of expostulation from an occasional writer.

The notes which I have added at the foot of each Psalm

are designed to explain the meaning of the more difficult passages, and will, I trust, be found useful and clear. They are gathered chiefly from Mr. Perowne's Book of Psalms, and from Mr. Hawkins' smaller work on the same subject.

It seems necessary to observe, with reference to the marks of expression in the margin, that each mark is meant to signify just what it is worth, and no more; that *dim*, for instance, does not mean *p*, nor *cres*, *f*; and that neither does *ff* mean that the Chorister is to shout at the top of his voice, nor *pp* that he is to leave off singing altogether. Singing *piano* has, moreover, no necessary connexion with slackening the time, or singing loud with increasing it.

A separate Chant is suggested for each Psalm, and a reference made to the best reading of it easily procurable. All adaptations have been excluded; all Chants in unison; and all such common favourites as have no merit besides their popularity. The choice of single and double chants has been applied to what would appear to be its most obvious use, and the former have only been employed when the entire Psalm, or the groups into which it naturally falls, may happen to consist of an odd number of verses.

I will only add a few very short and simple suggestions, which may help the Chorister and others to chant with more understanding.

1. Never sing with the Trebles, unless you have a Treble voice, or unless the whole Choir are singing in unison.
2. Never permit yourself, under any amount of temptation, to sing by ear.
3. Use your lips and your tongue as well as your chest, and sound out your consonants clearly.
4. Mind your stops in the *Recitation*, but never pause or take breath in the middle of a *phrase*.
5. Avoid every kind of conceit and affectation, and pronounce your words as naturally as if you were reading.
6. Try to feel the meaning of what you sing, and to look as if you felt it.

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Hayes in A ... ... Ps. 19
„ E 101
„ E 145
„ F ... Magnificat
Hindle in B flat ... ... Venite
„ D ... ... Ps. 94
Hine in G ... ... Venite
„ G minor Nunc Dimittis
Hopkins in B flat ... Ps. 132
„ E flat ... 145
Humphrey in C 18
Kelway in A ... ... Ps. 8
„ D 25
King in B minor Nunc Dimittis
Langdon in G minor Do.
Macfarren in A ... ... Ps. 73
„ B flat ... 21
„ C minor ... 140
„ D 108
„ G ... ... Venite
Monk in A ... ... Ps. 59
„ D 107
„ D 51
„ F ... Te Deum
„ F ... ... Ps. 20
„ F sharp minor Nunc Dim.
„ G ... Te Deum
„ G ... Magnificat
„ G ... .. Ps. 124
Ouseley in D ... ... Ps. 33
„ E 149
„ G 149
Purcell in A minor Nunc Dimittis
„ A minor ... Ps. 80
„ D minor Nunc Dimittis
„ G ... ... Ps. 6
„ G 42
„ G 110
„ G 144

Read in A minor ... ... Ps. 90
Richardson in F 67
Rimbault in C minor Nunc Dimittis
„ F ... ... Ps. 54
Savage in C 118
Tallis in A minor ... 50
„ C 1
„ F 50
Travers in E 5
Tucker in A 4
Turle in D 128
Turle in E ... Te Deum
„ E ... ... Ps. 126
„ F ... Venite
„ G ... ... Ps. 135
„ G 136
„ G minor ... 137
Turner in D ... ... Ps. 95
Turton in A 148
„ G ... Magnificat
Walkley in B flat ... Ps. 55
Weldon in G minor ... 31

DOUBLE CHANTS.

Alcock in E flat ... ... Ps. 131
Armes in D flat 105
Attwood in D 75
„ E 77
Barrow in G 52
Battishill in A minor ... 89
„ D 116
Boyce in D 27
„ F 119
Brownsmith in F sharp minor 61
Cooke in A minor ... 119
„ B flat 10
„ C minor ... 69
„ E ... Benedictus
„ G ... ... Ps. 63
„ G 98
„ G 119
Coward in A 112
Cross in A 24
Crotch in B flat 92
„ D minor ... 119
„ F 119
„ G 82
„ G 117
Davy in E 68
Dupuis in A 100
„ E minor ... 119
„ E flat 16
Elvey in C 134
„ D 7
„ D 123
„ F 18
„ F 71
„ F 79
„ G 129
Fitzherbert in F 143
Flintoft in G minor ... 130
Foster in E 119
Goss in A 36
Goss in A flat ... ... Ps. 17
„ B minor 119
„ D 62
„ E 35
Havergal in A 127
„ D 49
„ E 60
„ F 133
„ G 109
Hayes in G 93
Henley in E flat 97
Hopkins in F ... Benedictus
„ F ... ... Ps. 11
„ G 28
Langdon in F 139
Lavington in F minor ... 70
Lawes in C 29
Lemon in A 146
„ D 114
Lucas in A 74
Miller in E 115
Oakeley in D 38
„ F 138
„ G 34
Pye in E flat 9
Randall in D 111
„ E 45
Read in D 83
„ D 147
„ E flat 43
Robinson in E flat ... 58
Rogers in E 113
„ G 26
Russell in E 106
Turle in A 32
„ A 66
„ A 150
„ D ... Benedictus
„ D ... ... Ps. 3

Turle in D	... ...	Ps. 65
„ D minor	...	102
„ D	... ...	103
„ D minor	...	88
„ E	... ...	121
„ E minor	...	64
„ E minor	...	120
„ F	...	Benedictus
„ F	... ...	Ps. 37
„ F	... ...	119
„ G	... ...	23
Turle in G	... ...	Ps. 76
Turton in G	... ...	146
Verrinder in D	... ...	150
Walmisley in B flat	...	57
„ C	... ...	53
„ F	... ...	89
„ F	... ...	91
„ F	... ...	147
Wesley in G	... ...	2
Woodward in B flat	...	13

For the convenience of Choirmasters or others, who may wish to introduce a higher class of music for the Canticles, and may be at a loss what compositions to choose, I have added a short list of the best "Services" with which I am myself acquainted. They are all published separately, and are easily accessible. The selection is chiefly made from the works either of the Seventeenth Century writers, or of musicians of the present day, between which periods very little music of the kind was written which is worthy of any special attention. The abbreviations are intended to shew whether the Service is for the Morning, Evening, or Holy Communion, and those marked with an asterisk are sufficiently easy to be within the reach of any good Country Choir.

*Aldrich in E minor	...	e.
*Aldrich in G	... ...	m. C. e.
Barnby in E	... ...	„ „ „
Batten in D	... ...	„ „ „
Bevin in D	... ...	„ „ „
Blow in A	... ...	„ „ „
Blow in G	... ...	„ „ „
Bryan in G	... ...	„ „ „
Byrd in D minor	... ...	„ „ „
Child in D	... ...	„ „ „
Child in G	... ...	„ „ „
Chipp in A	... ...	m. e.
Chipp in D.	... ...	m.
*Creyghton in B flat	...	m. e.
Creyghton in E flat	...	m. C e.
Croft in A	... ...	m. C.
Elvey in A	... ...	e.
*Elvey in F.	... ...	m. e.
*Farrant in D minor	...	m. e.
Farrant in G minor	...	m. C. e.
*Gibbons in F	... ...	„ „ „
*Goss in E	... ...	e.
Hatton in E	... ...	m. e.
Hilton in G minor	...	m. C. e.
Hopkins in A	... ...	m. e.
Hopkins in F	... ...	m. e.
*Kelway in A minor	...	e.
*Kelway in B minor	...	„
Kelway in G minor	...	„
Lunn in E	... ...	C.
Macfarren in E flat	...	m. C. e.
Mendelssohn in A	...	m.
Mendelssohn in B flat	...	e.
Novello in E	... ...	„
Oakeley in E flat	...	m. e.
Patrick in G minor	...	m. C. e.
Purcell in B flat	... ...	„ „ „
Purcell in G	... ...	e.
*Rogers in D	... ...	m. C. e.
*Rogers in A minor	...	e.
Tallis in D	... ...	m. C. e.
Turle in D	... ...	„ „ „
Tye in G minor	... ...	e.
Walmisley in B flat	...	m. e.
Walmisley in D	... ...	m. C. e.
*Walmisley in D minor	...	e.
Wesley in E	... ...	m. C. e.
Wise in E flat	... ...	e.

THE CANTICLES.

At Morning Prayer.

Venite exultemus. PSALM XCV.

SINGLE CHANTS.

Hindle in B flat. W. 67.* Macfarren in G. W. 164.
Hine in G. W. 71. Turle in F. W. 48.

(Or any Single Chant, from the Psalter, in a major key.)

f 1 O come, let us | sing | unto the | Lord : let us heartily re | joice in the | strength of | our salv | ation.

2 Let us come before His | presence with | thanks | giving : and | shew ourselves | glad in | Him with | psalms.

cres 3 For the | Lord is a | great | God : and a | great | King above | all | gods.

4 In His hand are | all the | corners of the | earth : and the | strength of the | hills is | His | also.

5 The sea is | His, and | He | made it : and His | hands pre | pared the | dry | land.

dim 6 ¶ O come, let us | worship and | fall | down : and | kneel be | fore the | Lord our | Maker.

7 For | He is the | Lord our | God : and we are the people of His | pasture, and the | sheep of | His | hand.

cres 8 ¶ To-day if ye will hear His voice, | "Harden | not your | hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the | day of tempt- | ation | in the | wilderness ;

9 When your | fathers | tempted | me : | proved | me, and | saw my | works.

dim 10 Forty years long was I grieved with | this gener | ation, and | said : It is a people that do err in their | hearts, for they | have not | known my | ways;

11 Unto | whom I | sware in my | wrath : that they | should not | enter | into my | rest."

* W. Westminster Chant Book, Second Edition (Novello.)—S. Salisbury Chant Book, New Edition (Novello).—T. Mr. Thorne's Selection of Chants (Morgan, Paternoster Row).

f 12 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost.

13 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

Te Deum Laudamus.

Usually ascribed to S. Ambrose, Bp. of Milan, A.D. 374—397, but probably written long before his time.

SINGLE CHANTS.

Crotch in D. W. 41.	Monk in G. W. 56.
Monk in F. W. 50.	Turle in E. W. 30.

(Or any single Chant, from the Psalter, in a major and minor key).

f 1 We | praise | Thee, O | God : we ac | knowledge | Thee to | be the | Lord.

2 All the | earth doth | worship | Thee : | the | Father | ever | lasting.

cres 3 To Thee all | Angels | cry a | loud : the | Heavens, and | all the | powers there | in.

ff 4 To Thee | Cherubin and | Seraph | in : | con | tinually | do | cry,

rall *p* 5 | "Holy | Holy | Holy : | Lord | God of Sa | ba | oth.

cres 6 Heaven and | earth are | full of the | Majesty : | of | Thy | ... | glory."

f 7 ¶ The glorious | company | of the A | postles : | praise | ... | ... | Thee.

8 The goodly | fellowship | of the | Prophets : | praise | ... | ... | Thee.

9 The | noble | army of | martyrs : | praise | ... | ... | Thee.

10 The holy | Church throughout | all the | world : | doth | ... ac | knowledge | Thee.

11 | The | Fa | ther : | of an | infinite | majes | ty.

12 | Thine | honourable | true : | and | on | ... ly | Son.

13 | Also the | Holy | Ghost : | the | Com | ... fort | er.

ff 14 ¶ | Thou art the | King of | Glory : | O | ... | ... | Christ.

5. Sabaoth; *i.e.*, hosts. 7. Company; rather, chorus, or choir.
9. Noble; rather, white robed. Latin, *candidatus.*

15 Thou art the | ever | lasting | Son : | of | ... | ... the | Father.

minor dim 16 When Thou tookest up | on Thee to de | liver | man : Thou | didst not ab | hor the | Virgin's | womb.

17 When Thou hadst over | come the | sharpness of | *cres* death : Thou didst open the | kingdom of | Heaven to | all be | lievers.

f 18 Thou sittest at the | right | hand of | God : | in the | glory | of the | Father.

dim 19 ¶ We be | lieve that | Thou shalt | come : | to | be | our | Judge.

p 20 We therefore | pray Thee, | help Thy | servants : whom Thou hast red | eemed | with Thy | precious | blood.

cres 21 Make them to be | numbered | with Thy | Saints : | in | glory | ever | lasting.

dim 22 O | Lord, | save Thy | people : | and | bless | Thine | heritage.

23 | Go | ... vern | them : | and | lift them | up for | ever.

major f 24 | Day | ... by | day : | we | magni | fy | Thee.

25 | And we | worship Thy | Name : | ever | world with | out | end.

dim 26 ¶ Vouch | safe, O | Lord : to | keep us | this day with | out | sin.

p 27 O | Lord, have | mercy up | on us : | have | mercy up | on | us.

28 O Lord, let Thy | mercy | lighten up | on us : | as our | trust is | in | Thee.

cres rall 29 O | Lord, in | Thee have I | trusted : | let me | never | be con | founded.

16. When Thou tookest manhood upon Thee, in order to deliver man, Thou didst not abhor, &c.

21. Numbered; rather, rewarded. (Latin, *munerari*, which was corrupted into *numerari*.)

28. Lighten; *i.e.*, rest, or settle, upon us.

29. Rather, I shall never be confounded. The Latin adverb is *non*, not *ne*.

THE CANTICLES.

Benedicite, omnia Opera.

The Song of the Three Jewish Boys, from the midst of the fiery furnace. In the first edition of our Prayer Book, in 1549, this Canticle was ordered to be used every day in Lent; but in 1552 the direction was omitted, probably because so jubilant a Hymn was felt to be by no means specially appropriate for a penitential season. Any Double Chant of a festal character may be selected for it from the Psalter.

The second clause of each Verse to be sung full, and *cres.*

1 O all ye Works of the | Lord, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

2 O ye Angels of the | Lord, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

3 O ye | Heavens, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

4 O ye Waters that be above the | Firmament, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

5 O all ye Powers of the | Lord, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

6 O ye Sun and | Moon, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

7 O ye Stars of | Heaven, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

dim 8 O ye Showers and | Dew, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

9 O ye Winds of | God, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

ff 10 O ye Fire and | Heat, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

dim 11 O ye Winter and | Summer, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

12 O ye Dews and | Frosts, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

13 O ye Frost and | Cold, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

14 O ye Ice and | Snow, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

15 O ye Nights and | Days, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

cres 16 O ye Light and | Darkness, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

17 O ye Lightnings and | Clouds, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

ff 18 ¶ O let the | Earth | bless the | Lord : yea let it | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

19 O ye Mountains, and | Hills, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

20 O all ye Green Things upon the | Earth, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

21 O ye | Wells, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

22 O ye Seas, and | Floods, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

dim 23 ¶ O ye Whales, and all that move in the | Waters, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

24 O all ye Fowls of the | Air, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

25 O all ye Beasts, and | Cattle, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

cres 26 ¶ O ye Children of | Men, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

f 27 O let | Israel | bless the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

28 O ye Priests of the | Lord, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

29 O ye Servants of the | Lord, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

pp 30 O ye Spirits and Souls of the | Righteous, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

p 31 O ye holy and humble Men of | heart, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

cres 32 O Ananias, Azarias, and | Misael, | bless ye the | Lord : | praise Him, and | magnify | Him for | ever.

ff 33 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost;

34 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

THE CANTICLES.

Benedictus. S. Luke I. 68.

The Prophecy of Zacharias at the Circumcision of S. John Baptist.

Double Chants.

Cooke in E. W. 58.	Turle in D. W. 189.
Hopkins in F. W. 105.	Turle in F. W. 21.

(Or any Double Chant, from the Psalter, in a major key.)

mf 1 Blessed be the | Lord | God of | Israel : for He hath | visited | and red | eemed His | people;

2 And hath raised up a | mighty salv | ation for | us : | in the | house of His | servant | David;

dim 3 (As He spake by the | mouth of His | holy | Prophets : which have | been | since the | world be | gan;

4 That we should be | saved | from our | enemies : | and from the | hands of | all that | hate us;)

f 5 To perform the mercy | promised to | our fore | fathers : | and to re | member His | holy | Covenant;

6 To perform the oath which He | sware to our | forefather | Abraham : | that | He would | give | us,

7 That we being delivered | out of the | hand of our | enemies : | might | serve Him with | out | fear;

8 In | holiness and | righteousness be | fore Him : | all the | days of | our | life.

mf 9 ¶ And thou, Child, shalt be | called the | Prophet of the | Highest : for thou shalt go before the | face of the | Lord to pre | pare His | ways;

10 To give knowledge of salv | ation | unto His | people : | for the re | mission of | their | sins,

11 Through the | tender | mercy of our | God : whereby the day-spring | from on | high hath | visited | us;

dim 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness, and | in
p the | shadow of | death : and to guide our | feet | into the | way of | peace.

f 13 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost.

14 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

6. That he would give us; rather, that He would grant this unto us, namely, that we being delivered, &c.
9. The *child* addressed is S. John Baptist.
11. The day-spring; *i.e.*, the rising sun—the true Light.

THE CANTICLES.

Jubilate Deo. PSALM C.

This Canticle is commonly sung instead of the above magnificent Hymn, because it is shorter. But it never ought to be used, under any circumstances, unless the ***Benedictus*** occurs in the Lesson or Gospel for the Day.

f 1 O be joyful in the | Lord, | all ye | lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come be | fore His | presence | with a | song.

2 Be ye sure that the | Lord | He is | God : it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His | people, and the | sheep of | His | pasture.

cres 3 O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and | | into His | courts with | praise : be thankful unto | Him, and speak | good of | His | name.

dim 4 For the Lord is gracious, His | mercy is | ever | lasting : and His truth endureth from | gener | ation to | gener- | ation.

5 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost;

6 As it was in the beginning, | is now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

At Evening Prayer.

Magnificat. S. LUKE I.

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SINGLE CHANTS.

Bellamy in F. W. 37.	Monk in G. W. 125.
Elvey in B flat. W. 59.	Turton in G. W. 155.
Hayes in F. W. 65.	

(Or any Single Chant from the Psalter, in a major key.)

f 1 My | soul doth | magnify the | Lord : and my | spirit hath re | joiced in | God my | Saviour.

2 | For | He hath re | garded : | the | lowliness of | His hand | maiden.

cres 3 | For be | hold, from | henceforth : | all gener | ations shall | call me | blessed.

2. He hath regarded; *i.e.*, hath not despised.
3. Shall call me blessed; *i.e.*, happy, as in S. James v. 11, "We count them happy which endure."

ff 4 For He that is | mighty hath | magnified | me : | and | holy | is His | name.

dim 5 And His | mercy is on | them that | fear Him : | through | out all | gener | ations.

cres 6 He hath | shewed | strength with His | arm : He hath scattered the proud in the im | agin | ation of | their | hearts.

7 He hath put down the | mighty | from their | seat : and | hath ex | alted the | humble and | meek.

8 He hath filled the | hungry with | good | things : *p* and the | rich He hath | sent | empty a | way.

cres 9 He remembering His mercy hath | holpen His | servant | Israel : as He promised to our forefathers, | Abraham | and his | seed, for | ever.

f 10 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost.

11 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

Cantate Domino. Psalm XCVIII.

This Canticle ought only to be used when the Magnificat has already occurred in the Morning Service.

f 1 O sing unto the | Lord a | new | song : | for | He hath done | marvellous | things.

2 With His own right hand, and | with His | holy | arm : | hath He | gotten Him | self the | victory.

3 The Lord de | clared | His salv | ation : His righteousness hath He | openly | shewed in the | sight of the | heathen.

4 He hath remembered His mercy and truth | toward the | house of | Israel : and all the ends of the world have | seen the salv | ation of | our | God.

ff 5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the | Lord, | all ye | lands : | sing, re | joice, and | give | thanks.

6 Praise the | Lord up | on the | harp : sing to the | harp with a | psalm of | thanks | giving.

7 With | trumpets | also and | shawms : O shew yourselves | joyful be | fore the | Lord the | King.

4. Hath magnified me; rather, hath wrought wonderful things for me.
9. Holpen; *i.e.*, helped.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and | all that | therein | is : the round | world, and | they that | dwell there | in.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful to | gether be | fore the | Lord : *p* for | He | cometh to | judge the | earth.

10 With righteousness | shall He | judge the | world: | and the | people | with | equity.

f 11 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost;

12 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

Nunc Dimittis. S. Luke II. 29.

The Song of Simeon, when he took the Child Jesus in his arms.

Single Chants.

Crotch in D minor. W. 104	Monk in F sharp minor. W. 68.
King in B minor. S. 228.	Purcell in A min. and maj. W. 122.
Hine in G minor. W. 17.	Purcell in D minor. W. 10.
Langdon in G minor. W. 103.	Rimbault in C minor. W. 161.

(Or any Single Chant from the Psalter in a minor key.)

p 1 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy | servant de | part in | peace : | ac | cording to | Thy | word.

2 | For mine | eyes have | seen : | Thy | ... | ... salv | ation.

cres 3 | Which | Thou hast pre | pared : be | fore the | face of | all | people;

mf 4 To be a | light to | lighten the | Gentiles : and to | be the | glory of Thy | people | Israel.

f 5 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost.

6 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

Deus misereatur. Psalm LXVII.

This Psalm should only be used when the Nunc Dimittis has already occurred in the Morning Service.

mp 1 God be merciful | unto | us and | bless us : and shew us the light of His countenance, | and be | merciful | unto | us.

2 That Thy | way may be | known upon | earth : Thy | saving | health among | all | nations.

f 3 Let the | people | praise Thee, O | God : | yea, let | all the | people | praise Thee.

mf 4 O let the | nations re | joice and be | glad : for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and | govern the | nations up | on | earth.

f 5 Let the | people | praise Thee, O | God : | yea, let | all the | people | praise Thee.

mf 6 Then shall the | earth bring | forth her | increase : and God, even our | own | God, shall | give us His | blessing.

dim 7 | God | shall | bless us : and | all the | ends of the | world shall | fear Him.

f 8 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost;

9 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

Easter-Day.

¶ At Morning Prayer, instead of the Psalm, O come let us sing, &c., these Anthems shall be sung or said.

Any single Chant of a joyful character may be adapted to this Hymn. It has been set to music, in separate portions, by Dr. Elvey and Mr. Goss; and it is much to be wished that some musician would arrange the whole.

f 1 Christ our | passover is | sacrificed | for us : | therefore | let us | keep the | feast;

dim 2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the | leaven of | malice and | wickedness : *cres* but with the unleavened | bread of sin | cerity | and | truth. 1 *Cor.* v. 7.

f 3 ¶ Christ being raised from the | dead | dieth no | more : death hath no | more do | minion | over | Him.

dim 4 For in that He died, He | died unto | sin | once : *cres* but in that He | liveth, He | liveth | unto | God.

dim 5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be | dead in | deed unto | sin : *cres* but alive unto | God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord. *Rom.* vi. 9.

f 6 ¶ Christ is | risen | from the | dead : and be | come the | first fruits of | them that | slept.

p 7 For | since by | man came | death : *f* by Man came also the | resur | rection | of the | dead.

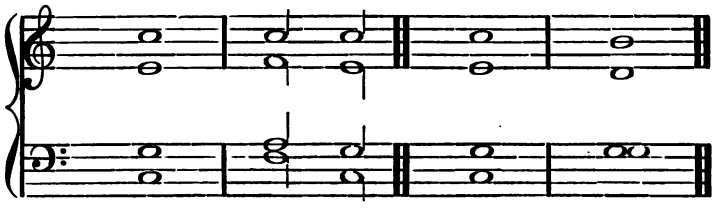
p 8 For | as in | Adam all | die : *f* even so in | Christ shall | all be | made a | live. 1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

ff 9 Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost;

10 As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

The Athanasian Creed.

Pointed for Tallis' Chant.



Particular attention is desired to the marks of expression, and to the frequent use of a dotted minim and crochet in the first bar.

This Confession of Faith bears the name of S. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, A.D. 326—373, because he was so zealous an opponent of Arius and other heretics. But it was probably written by S. Hilary, Bishop of Arles, A.D. 430, and admitted into the English Office Books about three centuries afterwards. It is so worded as to maintain the Catholic Faith against the several heresies which disturbed the early Church, and against those revivals of them which have been attempted in later times. It is sung on Christmas Day, the Epiphany, S. Matthias, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsun Day,

6. Of them that slept; rather, that are fallen asleep. The meaning is, that as the single sheaf of ripe corn, offered on the second day of the Passover (Lev. xxiii. 10, 11, Joseph. Antiq. iii. 10), consecrated the harvest, so Christ's Resurrection involves that of all who sleep with Him.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED.

S. John Baptist, S. James, S. Bartholomew, S. Matthew, SS. Simon and Jude, S. Andrew, and Trinity Sunday.

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mf 1 Whoso | ever will be | saved : before all things it is necessary that he hold the | Catholic | Faith.

2 Which Faith except every one do keep whole and | unde | filed : without doubt he shall perish | ever | lastingly.

f 3 And the Catholic | Faith | is this : that we worship one God in Trinity, and | Trinity in | Unity.

4 Neither con | founding the | Persons : nor di | viding the | substance.

dim 5 For there is one Person of the Father, an | other of the | Son : and another of the | Holy | Ghost.

cres 6 But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy | Ghost, is | all one : the glory equal, and the majesty | co-e | ternal.

7 Such as the Father is, | such is the | Son : and such is the | Holy | Ghost.

8 The Father uncreate, the | Son | uncreate : and the Holy Ghost | un | create.

9 The Father incomprehensible, the Son in | compre- | hensible : and the Holy Ghost in | compre | hensible.

10 The Father eternal, the | Son e | ternal : and the Holy | Ghost e | ternal.

p 11 And yet they are not | three e | ternals : *f* but | One | Eternal.

p 12 As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor | three uncre | ated : *f* but One Uncreated, and One In- | compre | hensible.

13 So, likewise, the Father is Almighty, the | Son Al- | mighty : and the Holy | Ghost Al | mighty.

p 14 And yet they are not | three Al | mighties : *f* but | One Al | mighty.

mf 15 So, the Father is God, the | Son | is God : and the Holy | Ghost is | God.

9. *Incomprehensible* here means that which cannot be comprehended, not by the mind, but by space. God is everywhere, filling all things, and contained within no limits. The Latin is *immensus*.

15. *So* here does not mean *therefore*, as is commonly supposed; but *in like manner*.

p 16 And yet they are | not | three Gods : *f* but | One | God.

17 So, likewise, the Father is | Lord, the | Son Lord : and the Holy | Ghost | Lord.

p 18 And | yet not | three Lords : *f* but | One | Lord.

mf 19 For like as we are compelled by the | Christian | verity : to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be | God and | Lord;

20 So are we forbidden by the | Catholic Re | ligion : to say, there be three Gods, or | three | Lords.

f 21 The Father is | made | of none : neither created, | nor be | gotten.

22 The Son is of the | Father al | one : not made, nor created, | but be | gotten.

23 The Holy Ghost is of the Father and | of the | Son : neither made, nor created, nor begotten, | but pro | ceeding.

24 So, there is one Father, not three Fathers ; one | Son, not | three Sons : one Holy Ghost, not | three Holy | Ghosts.

25 And in this Trinity none is afore or | after | other : none is greater or | less than an | other.

cres 26 But the whole three Persons are co-e | ternal together : and | co | equal.

27 So that in all things, | as is a | foresaid : the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, | is to be | worshipped.

f 28 He therefore that | will be | saved : must thus | think of the | Trinity.

dim 29 Furthermore, it is necessary to ever | lasting salv- |
p ation : that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord | Jesus | Christ.

30 For the right Faith is, that we be | lieve | and confess :
cres that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is | God and | Man ;

21. Made of none; *i.e.*, by none. The word *neither* in this verse is apt to mislead the reader. It should rather be written *nor*. The Father is not made by any one, nor created, nor begotten.

22, 23. Of the Father; *i.e.*, from the Father. There is a distinction between *creating* and *making*. To *create* is to form out of nothing. To *make* is to use materials.

28. Thus; *i.e.*, in this way. It does not mean *accordingly*.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED.

f 31 God, (of the Substance of the Father,) begotten be- | fore the | worlds : *p* and Man, (of the substance of His Mother,) | born in the | world;

f 32 Perfect God, and | perfect | man : of a reasonable soul and human | flesh sub | sisting;

f 33 Equal to the Father, as | touching His | Godhead : *p* and inferior to the Father, as | touching His | manhood;

34 Who, although He be | God | and man : yet He is not *cresc* two, but | one | Christ;

mf 35 One; not by conversion of the Godhead | into | flesh : but by taking of the manhood | into | God;

36 One altogether; not by con | fusion of | substance : but by | unity of | Person.

37 For as the reasonable soul and | flesh is | one man : so God and man is | one | Christ;

p 38 Who suffered for | our salv | ation : descended into hell, *f* rose again the third day | from the | dead;

ff 39 He ascended into heaven, He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, | God Al | mighty : from whence He shall come to judge the | quick and the | dead.

f 40 At Whose coming all men shall rise a | gain with their | bodies : *p* and shall give account for their | own | works.

f 41 And they that have done good shall go into | life ever- | lasting : *p* and they that have done evil into ever | lasting | fire.

mf 42 This is the | Catholic | Faith : which except a man *rall* believe faithfully, he | cannot be | saved.

f 43 Glory be to the Father, | and to the | Son : and to the | Holy | Ghost;

44 As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be : world without end. | A | men.

39. Quick; *i.e.*, living.

PROPER PSALMS FOR CERTAIN DAYS.

Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Christmas Day 19, 45, 85	89,110,132	Easter Day 2, 57, 111	113,114,118
Ash Wed. ... 6, 32, 38	102,130,143	Ascen. Day 8, 15, 21	24, 47, 108
Good Friday 22, 40, 54	69, 88	Whitsun Day 48, 68	104, 145

INTRODUCTION.

THE Prayer Book Version of the Psalms is taken from "Cranmer's Bible," as translated by Tyndal and Coverdale, and put forth, with a Preface by Cranmer, in 1539. In 1611, this Bible was superseded by our present Authorized Version; but the old translation of the Psalms in the Book of Common Prayer was permitted to remain. The Prayer Book Version is therefore more than seventy years older than that of the Bible, and is critically the less correct of the two; but it is better adapted for chanting, being cast in a more rhythmical form.

The Psalter was divided by the Jews into five books, ending respectively with Psalms 41, 72, 89, 106, and 150. Seventy-three of the Psalms are ascribed to David; one, the 90th, to Moses; two, the 72nd and 127th, to Solomon; twelve to the Sons of Korah, musicians of the tribe of Levi; and fourteen to the three chief singers of David, Asaph, Heman, and Ethan. (1 Chron. xv. 19.) Of the fifty remaining Psalms the authorship is uncertain; but some of them are supposed to have been written in the time of Hezekiah, and the Assyrian invasion; and others during the exile of the Jews in Babylon, or immediately after their return.

Seven of the Psalms (25, 34, 37, 111, 112, 119, 145) take the form of an acrostic, having the initial letters of each verse or group of verses arranged in alphabetical order. The six Psalms (113—118), which constituted the Hallel, or Song of Praise sung by the Jews at their greater Festivals, are believed to be the Hymn which our blessed Saviour sang with His disciples before going to the Mount of Olives. The Pilgrim Songs, or Psalms of Degrees (120—134), commemorate the return from captivity; and were sung by pilgrims as they went up to Jerusalem to keep the yearly feasts. The Hallelujah Psalms (146—150) are so called because each of them begins with the words *Praise ye the Lord.*

Various explanations have been given of those Prayers for vengeance upon his enemies which occur in several of the Psalms of David, especially in the 7th, 31st, 35th, 69th, and 109th, and which some persons have regarded as almost inconsistent with the spirit of the Bible. It is probable, however, that they were uttered by David in his prophetic character, as a declaration of God's wrath against sinners, while their apparent harshness is considerably softened when we remember that they are the words, not of a Christian, but of a Jew.

With reference to the general spirit in which the Psalter is to be understood, it need only be observed that each Psalm is capable of many applications, and almost every verse of several distinct meanings. There is, first, the Historical application to the time and circumstances under which the sacred Poem was written. There is the Mystical application of those who love to trace some allegory of the spiritual life in every page. There is the Prophetical application to the Messiah and His Kingdom—sometimes obvious enough, and confirmed by the New Testament itself; sometimes, perhaps, more fanciful than practical, or even true. And there is the devotional application to the life and experience of the Christian, who finds in every history a warning, and in every promise a word of hope. For each and all of these there is a legitimate time and place; but it is not the design of the following notes to illustrate specially any one of them. All that has been attempted is to render the primary meaning of the words employed as clear as possible, leaving the reader to make his own application of them as he may feel disposed.

THE

PSALMS OF DAVID.

THE FIRST DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm I.

The righteous and the wicked.

Single Chant. Tallis in C. S. 224.

mf 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor | stood in the | way of | sinners : and |
*rall** hath not | sat in the | seat of the | scornful.

2 But his de | light is in the | law of the | Lord : and in His law will he | exercise him | self | day and | night.

3 And he shall be like a tree | planted by the | water- | side : that will bring | forth his | fruit in | due | season.

4 His | leaf also | shall not | wither : and look, whatso- | ever he | doeth, | it shall | prosper.

p 5 ¶ As for the ungodly, it | is not | so with | them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind | scattereth a | way from the | face of the | earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be | able to | stand in the | judgement : neither the sinners in the | congreg- | ation | of the | righteous.

cres 7 But the Lord | knoweth the | way of the | righteous :
dim and the | way of the un | godly | shall | perish.

2. Exercise himself; *i.e.*, meditate.
4. His leaf; rather, *its* leaf, referring to the tree.
7. Knoweth; *i.e.*, regards with love.

* This mark of expression is sparingly used, to aid the distinct articulation of a difficult passage, but is not meant to extend beyond its own particular phrase.

PSALM II.

A Prophecy of Christ and His Kingdom.

Proper Psalm for Easter Day. Double Chant, Wesley in G. T. 88.

mf 1 Why do the heathen so | furiously | rage to | gether: and why do the | people im | agine a | vain | thing?

2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the | rulers take | counsel to | gether: against the | Lord, and a | gainst | His An | ointed.

3 "Let us | break their | bonds a | sunder: and | cast a- | way their | cords | from us."

cres 4 ¶ He that dwelleth in | heaven shall | laugh them to | scorn: the | Lord shall | have them | in de | rision.

5 Then shall He | speak unto them | in His | wrath: and | vex them | in His | sore dis | pleasure.

ff 6 | "Yet have I | set my | King: up | on my | holy | hill of | Sion."

f 7 ¶ I will preach the law, whereof the | Lord hath | said unto | me: "Thou art my Son, this | day have | I be- | gotten | Thee.

8 Desire of me, and I shall give Thee the | heathen for | Thine in | heritance: and the utmost | parts of the | earth for | Thy poss | ession.

9 Thou shalt | bruise them with a | rod of | iron: and break them in | pieces | like a | potter's | vessel."

mf 10 ¶ Be wise now | therefore, | O ye | kings: be learned, | ye that are | judges | of the | earth.

dim 11 | Serve the | Lord in | fear: | and re | joice unto | Him with | reverence.

p 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and so ye | perish from the | right | way: if His wrath be kindled, yea, but a little. Blessed are all | they that | put their | trust in | Him.

1. Vain; *i.e.*, empty, fruitless.
2. After the word *Anointed*, understand *saying*.
5. Then, at that very moment, suddenly.
6. Yet; *i.e.*, in spite of your opposition. 7. I will declare the decree.
10. Be learned; *i.e.*, be warned. 12. Kiss; *i.e.*, do homage to.
12. There should be a full stop after *little*. And so ye perish, &c., while His wrath be kindled ever so little.

PSALM III.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom.

Double Chant. Turle in D. W. 132.

p 1 Lord, how are they in | creased that | trouble | me : | many are | they that | rise a | gainst me.

2 Many one there | be that | say of my | soul : "There is | no | help for him | in his | God."

cres 3 But Thou, O | Lord, art | my de | fender : Thou art my | worship, and the | lifter | up of my | head.

4 I did | call upon the | Lord with my | voice : and He | heard me | out of His | holy | hill.

5 I laid me down and slept, and | rose | up a | gain : | for the | Lord sus | tained | me.

6 I will not be a | fraid for ten | thousands of the | people : that have | set themselves a | gainst me | round a | bout.

f 7 Up, Lord, and | help me, | O my | God : for Thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; Thou hast | broken the | teeth of the | un | godly.

ff 8 Salvation be | longeth | unto the | Lord : and Thy | blessing | is up | on Thy | people.

PSALM IV.

An Evening Hymn written by David at the same time as Ps. 3.

Single Chant. Tucker in A. W. 128.

p 1 Hear me when I | call, O | God of my | righteousness : Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy up | on me, and | hearken | unto my | prayer.

2 ¶ O ye sons of men, how | long will ye blas | pheme mine | honour : and have such pleasure in | vanity, and | seek | after | leasing?

cres 3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to Him- | self the | man that is | godly : when I | call upon the | Lord, | He will | hear me.

4. His holy hill; *i.e*, Mount Zion. See Ps. ii. 6.
8. Let Thy blessing be upon Thy people.
1. God of my righteousness; *i.e.*, Who knowest the justice of my cause.
2. Leasing; *i.e.*, *lies*.

4 | Stand in | awe, and | sin not : **commune with your own** heart, and | in your | chamber, | **and be | still.**

rall 5 | Offer the | sacrifice of | **righteousness : | and | put** your | trust in the | Lord.

p 6 ¶ | There be | many that | **say : | "Who will | shew us |** any | good ?"

f 7 | Lord, | lift Thou | up : the | **light of Thy | countenance** up | on | us.

ff 8 Thou hast put | gladness | in my | **heart : since the time** that their | corn, and | wine, and | oil, in | **creased.**

dim 9 I will lay me down in | peace, and | **take my | rest : for**

p it is Thou, Lord, | only, that | makest me | **dwell in | safety.**

PSALM V.

A Morning Prayer.

Single Chant. Travers in E. S. 153.

mp 1 | Ponder my | words, O | Lord : | con | sider my | medit- | ation.

2 O hearken Thou unto the voice of my | calling, my | King, and my | God : for | unto | Thee will I | make my | prayer.

3 ¶ My voice shalt Thou | hear be | times, O | Lord : early in the morning will I direct my | prayer unto Thee, | and will | look | up.

4 For Thou art the God that hast | no | pleasure in | wickedness : neither shall | any | evil | dwell with | Thee.

5 Such as be foolish | shall not | stand in Thy | sight : for Thou | hatest all | them that | work | vanity.

6 Thou shalt de | stroy | them that speak | leasing : the Lord will abhor both the | blood-thirsty | and de | ceitful | man.

cres 7 But as for me, I will come into Thine house, even upon the | multitude | of Thy | mercy : and in Thy fear will I | worship | toward Thy | holy | temple.

8 ¶ Lead me, O Lord, in Thy | righteousness, be | cause of mine | enemies : make Thy | way | plain be | fore my | face.

8. *More than* in the time of plenty.
7. *Through* the multitude of Thy mercy. 8. Plain; *i.e.*, level.

dim 9 For there is no | faithfulness | in his | mouth : their | inward | parts are | very | wickedness.

10 Their | throat is an | open | sepulchre : | they | flatter | with their | tongue.

11 Destroy Thou them, O God; let them perish through their | own im | agin | ations : cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for | they have re | belled a | gainst | Thee.

f 12 And let all them that put their | trust in | Thee re- | joice : they shall ever be giving of thanks, because Thou defendest them; they that | love Thy | Name shall be | joyful in | Thee.

13 For Thou, Lord, wilt give Thy | blessing | unto the | righteous : and with Thy favourable kindness wilt | Thou de- | fend him | as with a | shield.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM VI.

A Prayer in trouble.

Proper Psalm for Ash-Wednesday, and the first of the Penitential Psalms. The others are 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143. Single Chant, Purcell in G. W. 49.

p *minor* 1 O Lord, rebuke me | not in Thine | indign | ation : neither | chasten | me in | Thy dis | pleasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O | Lord, for | I am | weak : O Lord, | heal me, | for my | bones are | vexed.

3 My soul | also is | sore | troubled : but, | Lord, how | long wilt Thou | punish | me?

cres 4 Turn Thee, O | Lord, and de | liver my | soul : O | save me | for Thy | mercy's | sake.

dim 5 For in death no | man re | membereth | Thee : and | who will | give Thee | thanks in the | pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning; every | night wash | I my | bed : and | water my | couch | with my | tears.

7 My beauty is | gone for | very | trouble : and worn a- | way be | cause of | all mine | enemies.

9. In their mouth.
10. While they speak smoothly, their throat is like a yawning gulf.
5. In the pit; *i.e.*, in Hades. 7. Mine *eye* is consumed for very heaviness.

res 8 ¶ Away from | me, all | ye that work | vanity : for the |
a(or) Lord hath | heard the | voice of my | weeping.

f 9 The | Lord hath | heard my pe | tition : | the | Lord
will re | ceive my | prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be con | founded, and | sore |
vexed : they shall be turned | back, and | put to | shame |
suddenly.

PSALM VII.

The righteous judgments of God; written by David under persecution from Saul.

Double Chant, Elvey in D. S. 100.

p 1 O Lord my God, in | Thee have I | put my | trust : save
me from all them that | persecute me, | and de | liver | me;

2 Lest he devour my soul, like a | lion, and | tear it in |
pieces : | while | there is | none to | help.

3 O Lord my God, if I have | done | any such | thing : or
if there | be any | wickedness | in my | hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto | him that dealt | friendly
with | me : yea, I have delivered him that with | out any |
cause is | mine | enemy;

5 Then let mine enemy | persecute my | soul, and | take
me : yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and |
lay mine | honour | in the | dust.

res 6 ¶ Stand up, O Lord, in Thy wrath, and lift up Thyself,
because of the indign | ation | of mine | enemies : arise up
for me in the | judgement that | Thou | hast com | manded.

mf 7 And so shall the congregation of the | people | come a- |
bout Thee : for their sakes | therefore lift | up Thy | self a- |
gain.

8 The Lord shall judge the people; give | sentence with |
dim me, O | Lord : according to my righteousness, and ac- |
cording to the | innocency | that is | in me.

9 O let the wickedness of the un | godly | come to an |
end : | *cres* but | guide | Thou the | just.

3. *i.e.*, any such thing as what follows.

4. Yea, rather, I have rescued him, &c. David twice spared Saul's life when he was pursuing him.

8. Give sentence with me; rather, *judge me* (*i.e.*, as Thou judgest the people).

10 | For the | righteous | God : | trieth the | very | hearts and | reins.

11 My | help | cometh of | God : Who pre | serveth | them that are | true of | heart.

f 12 ¶ God is a righteous | Judge, | strong, and | patient : and | God is pro | voked | every | day.

13 If a man will not | turn, He will | whet His | sword : He hath | bent His | bow, and | made it | ready.

14 He hath prepared for | him the | instruments of | death : He or | daineth His | arrows a | gainst the | persecutors.

p 15 ¶ Be | hold, he | travaileth with | mischief : he hath conceived | sorrow, and | brought | forth un | godliness.

16 He hath graven and | digged | up a | pit : and is fallen himself into the de | struction that | he | made for | other.

17 For his travail shall | come upon his | own | head : and his | wickedness shall | fall on his | own | pate.

f 18 ¶ I will give thanks unto the Lord, ac | cording to | His | righteousness : and I will | praise the | name of the | Lord most | High.

PSALM VIII.

A Prophecy of the Incarnation.

Proper Psalm for Ascension Day. Single Chant, Kelway in A. S. 48.

f 1 O Lord our Governour, how excellent is Thy | Name in | all the | world : Thou that hast | set Thy | glory a- | bove the | heavens !

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained | strength, be | cause of Thine | enemies : that Thou mightest | still the | enemy, | and the a | venger.

3 For I will consider Thy heavens, | even the | works of Thy | fingers : the | moon and the | stars, which | Thou hast or | dained.

10. Reins ; *i.e.*, the inmost feelings.
13. Whet; *i.e.*, sharpen. 13, 14. Spoken of God.
14. For him ; *i.e.*, for the wicked man.
15. Spoken of the wicked : travaileth with mischief; *i.e.*, is full of it, busy with it.
16. Graven ; *i.e.*, hollowed out. 2. The avenger ; *i.e.*, the revengeful.

dim 4 What is | man, that Thou art | mindful of | him : and the | son of | man, that Thou | visitest | him?

5 Thou | madest him | lower than the | angels : | to | *cres* crown him with | glory and | worship.

f 6 Thou makest him to have do | minion of the | works of Thy | hands : and Thou hast put all things | in sub- | jection | under his | feet;

7 | All | sheep and | oxen : | yea, | and the | beasts of the | field;

8 The fowls of the | air, and the | fishes of the | sea : and whatsoever | walketh | through the | paths of the | seas.

ff 9 | O | Lord our | Governour : *rall* how | excellent is Thy | Name in | all the | world!

Morning Prayer.

PSALM IX.

A Hymn of Praise to God for past help.

Double Chant. Pye in E flat. W. 45.

ff 1 I will give thanks unto Thee, O | Lord, with my | whole | heart : I will | speak of | all Thy | marvellous | works.

2 I will be | glad and re | joice in | Thee : yea, my songs will I | make of Thy | Name, O | Thou most | Highest.

f 3 ¶ While mine | enemies are | driven | back : they shall | fall and | perish at | Thy | presence.

4 For Thou hast main | tained my | right and my | cause : Thou art | set in the | throne that | judgest | right.

dim 5 Thou hast rebuked the | heathen, and de | stroyed the un | godly : Thou hast put | out their | name for | ever and | ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are | come to a per | petual |

4. And when I consider them, I say, what is man, &c.
5. This verse is claimed by the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews as a prophecy of our Saviour.
7. *i.e.*, not cattle only, but the wild beasts of the forest as well.
4. Thou, who judgest right, art set in the throne.
6. As for the enemies, they are cut off, and made a perpetual ruin. The second *Thou* refers to God.—The very remembrance of them is perished.

end : even as the cities which Thou hast destroyed ; | their me | morial is | perished | with them.

f 7 ¶ But the | Lord shall en | dure for | ever : he hath | also pre | pared His | seat for | judgement.

8 For He shall | judge the | world in | righteousness : and minister | true | judgement | unto the | people.

mf 9 The Lord also will be a de | fence | for the op | pressed : even a | refuge in | due | time of | trouble.

10 And they that know Thy Name will | put their | trust in | Thee : for Thou, Lord, hast | never | failed | them that | seek Thee.

f 11 ¶ O praise the | Lord Which | dwelleth in | Sion : | shew the | people of | His | doings.

dim 12 For, when He maketh inquisition for blood, | He re- | membereth | them : and forgetteth | not the com | plaint | of the | poor.

p 13 ¶ Have mercy upon me, O Lord ; consider the trouble which I | suffer of | them that | hate me : Thou that | liftest me | up from the | gates of | death.

cres 14 That I may shew all Thy praises within the | ports of the | daughter of | Sion : | I will re | joice in | Thy salv- | ation.

mf 15 ¶ The heathen are sunk | down in the | pit that they | made : in the same net which they hid | privily, | is their | foot | taken.

f 16 The Lord is | known to | execute | judgement : the ungodly is | trapped in the | work of his | own | hands.

p 17 ¶ The wicked shall be | turned | into | hell : and | all the | people that for | get | God.

18 For the | poor shall not | alway be for | gotten : the patient abiding of the | meek | shall not | perish for | ever.

cres 19 ¶ Up, Lord, and let not | man have the | upper | hand : let the | heathen be | judged in | Thy | sight.

20 | Put them in | fear, O | Lord : that the heathen may | know them | selves to | be but | men.

9. In due time; *i.e.*, in plenty of time to help them.
12. When He requires blood for blood; *i.e.*, in the day of reckoning.
14. Within the gates of Jerusalem.
16. The Lord is known by the judgment which He executeth.
17. Shall return to the unseen world; *i.e.*, shall return to dust, and perish.

PSALM X.

The cry of the poor.

Double Chant. Cooke in B flat. T. 70.

1 Why standest Thou so | far | off, O | Lord : and hidest Thy | face in the | needful | time of | trouble?

2 The ungodly for his own | lust doth | persecute the | poor : let them be taken in the crafty | wiliness that | they | have im | agined.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his | own | heart's de | sire : and speaketh | good of the | covetous, whom | God ab | horreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud, that he | careth | not for | God : | neither is | God in | all his | thoughts.

5 His | ways are | alway | grievous : Thy judgements are far above out of his sight, and | therefore de | fieth he | all his | enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart, "Tush, I shall | never be | cast | down : | there shall | no harm | happen unto | me."

7 His mouth is full of | cursing, de | ceit, and | fraud : under his | tongue is un | godliness | and | vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the | thievish | corners of the | streets : and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent; his | eyes are | set a | gainst the | poor.

9 For he lieth waiting secretly, even as a lion | lurketh | he in his | den : | that | he may | ravish the | poor.

10 | He doth | ravish the | poor : | when he | getteth him | into his | net.

11 He falleth | down, and | humbleth him | self : that the congregation of the poor may | fall | into the | hands of his | captains.

12 He hath said in his heart, | "Tush, | God hath for | gotten : He hideth away His | face, and | He will | never | see it."

4. Literally, that there is no God, is always in his thoughts.
5. Grievous; more correctly, *prosperous*.
7. Fraud; more correctly, *oppression*. 9. Ravish; *i.e.*, plunder.
11. This verse refers properly to the poor, not to his oppressor. It is the poor man who sinks down and is humbled, so that the whole congregation of the poor falls into the hands of the ungodly.

cres 13 ¶ Arise, O Lord God, and | lift | up Thine | hand : | for | get | not the | poor.

14 Wherefore should the | wicked blas | pheme | God : while he doth say in his heart, | "Tush, | Thou God | carest not | for it."

15 | Surely | Thou hast | seen it : for Thou be | holdest un | godliness | and | wrong,

16 That Thou mayest take the | matter | into Thine | hand : The poor committeth himself unto Thee ; for | Thou art the | helper | of the | friendless.

17 Break Thou the power of the un | godly | and ma- | licious : take away his un | godliness, and | Thou shalt | find | none.

f 18 The Lord is | King | for ever and | ever : and the | heathen are | perished | out of the | land.

mf 19 Lord, Thou hast | heard the de | sire of the | poor : Thou preparest their | heart, and Thine | ear | hearkeneth there | to ;

20 To help the fatherless and | poor | unto their | right : that the man of the | earth be no | more ex | alted a | gainst them.

PSALM XI.

Faith in God. Probably written by David when forewarned by Jonathan of Saul's intention to kill him.

Double Chant. Hopkins in F. S. 26.

mf 1 In the | Lord put | I my | trust : how say ye then to
dim my soul, that "she should | flee as a | bird | unto the | hill ?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their | arrows with | in the | quiver : that they may privily | shoot at | them which are | true of | heart.

3 For the found | ations will be | cast | down : | and | what hath the | righteous | done ?"

16. The first part of this verse belongs properly to verse 15. Thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong, in order that thou mayest take, &c.

17. Seek out his wickedness, till thou find none. 18. Out of *His* land.

19. Thou strengthenest their heart.

2. Within the quiver; more correctly, *upon the string*.

3. And if the great men (or right principles) be destroyed, what can the righteous do ?

f 4 ¶ The Lord is | in His | holy | temple : the | Lord's | seat is | in | heaven.

5 His | eyes con | sider the | poor : and His | eye-lids | try the | children of | men.

6 The | Lord al | loweth the | righteous : but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in | wickedness, | doth His | soul ab | hor.

7 Upon the ungodly He shall rain snares, fire and | brimstone, | storm and | tempest : | this shall | be their | portion to | drink.

8 For the righteous | Lord | loveth | righteousness : His countenance | will be | hold the | thing that is | just.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XII.

A Prayer for Help against the ungodly.

Single Chant, Felton in F. W. 182.

p 1 Help me, Lord, for there is | not one | godly man | left : for the faithful are | minished from a | mong the | children of | men.

2 They talk of vanity | every | one with his | neighbour : they do but flatter with their lips, and dis | semble | in their | double | heart.

cres 3 The Lord shall root out | all de | ceitful | lips : | and the | tongue that | speaketh proud | things ;

4 Which have said, "With our | tongue will | we prevail : we are they that ought to | speak, | who is | lord over | us ?"

dim 5 ¶ Now for the comfortless | troubles' | sake of the | needy : and because of the | deep | sighing | of the | poor,

f 6 "I will | up," | saith the | Lord : "and will help every one from him that swelleth a | gainst him, | and will | set him at | rest."

4. This is David's answer to the timid counsel of his friends.
6. Alloweth ; *i.e.*, approveth, by sending them trials in His love.
8. The upright shall behold His face. 1. Are minished; *i.e.*, fail.
4. We have a right to speak—our tongues are our own.

mf 7 The words of the | Lord are | pure | words : even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and | purified | seven times | in the | fire.

8 | Thou shalt | keep them, O | Lord : Thou shalt pre- | serve him from | this gener | ation for | ever.

9 The ungodly | walk on | every | side : when they are exalted, the | children of | men are | put to re | buke.

PSALM XIII.

The faithful in affliction.

Double Chant, Woodward in B flat. S. 23.

p 1 How long wilt Thou for | get me, O | Lord, for | ever : how | long wilt Thou | hide Thy | face from | me?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so | vexed | in my | heart : how long shall mine | enemies | triumph | over | me?

3 Consider, and | hear me, O | Lord my | God : lighten mine | eyes, that I | sleep | not in | death.

4 Lest mine enemy say, | "I have pre | vailed a | gainst him" : for if I be cast down, they that | trouble me | will re | joice at | it.

cres 5 ¶ But my | trust is in | Thy | mercy : and my | heart is | joyful in | Thy salv | ation.

f 6 I will sing of the Lord, because He hath | dealt so | lovingly | with me : yea, I will | praise the | Name of the | Lord most | Highest.

PSALM XIV.

The practical infidelity of the wicked.

Single Chant, Havergal in E flat. S. 51.

mp 1. The | fool hath | said in his | heart : | "There | is | no | God."

2 They are corrupt, and become ab | ominable | in their | doings : there is | none that | doeth good, | no not | one.

7. From the earth; rather, in a furnace of earth.
8. Him; more correctly *them*, *i.e.*, the poor.
9. The Bible version is more correct. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.
1. How long wilt Thou be for ever forgetting me?

cres 3 The Lord looked down from | heaven upon the | children of | men : to see if there were any that would under | stand, and | seek | after | God.

dim 4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are alto- | gether be | come ab | ominable : there is | none that | doeth good, | no not | one.

5 (Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their | tongues have | they de | ceived : the | poison of | asps is | under their | lips.

6 Their mouth is | full of | cursing and | bitterness : | their | feet are | swift to shed | blood.

7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of | peace have | they not | known : there is no | fear of | God be | fore their | eyes.

cres 8 Have they no knowledge, that they are | all such | workers of | mischief : eating up my people as it were | bread, and | call not up | on the | Lord ?)

dim 9 There were they brought in great fear | (even where | no fear | was) : for God is in the | gener | ation | of the | righteous.

10 As for you, ye have made a | mock at the | counsel of the | poor : be | cause he | putteth his | trust in the | Lord.

cres 11 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion?
f When the Lord turneth the capt | ivity | of His | people : then shall Jacob re | joice, and | Israel | shall be | glad.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XV.

The true servant of God.

Proper Psalm for Ascension Day. Single Chant, Greene in B flat. W. 16.

mf 1 Lord, who shall | dwell in | Thy | tabernacle : or who shall | rest up | on Thy | holy | hill?

2 Even he, that | leadeth an | uncorrupt | life : and doeth the thing which is | right, and | speaketh the | truth from his | heart.

5. Asps; *i.e.*, vipers.

Verses 5—8 are not in the Hebrew, but are quoted by S. Paul (Rom. iii. 13—18) from the Septuagint, or Greek version of the Bible.

9. The words *even where no fear was* are not in the Hebrew.

11. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Sion!

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, | nor done | evil to his | neighbour : | and | hath not | slandered his | neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is | lowly in his | own | eyes : and maketh | much of | them that | fear the | Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and | disap- | pointeth him | not : | though it | were to his | own | hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his | money up | on | usury : nor | taken re | ward a | gainst the | innocent.

cres 7 | Whoso | doeth these | things : | shall | ne | ... ver | fall.

PSALM XVI.

A prophecy of the Resurrection.

Double Chant. Dupuis in E flat. W. 166.

mp 1 Pre | serve me, | O | God : | for in | Thee have I | put my | trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast | said | unto the | Lord : Thou art my God, my | goods are | nothing | unto | Thee.

cres 3 All my delight is upon the | saints, that are | in the | earth : | and upon | such as ex | cel in | virtue.

dim 4 ¶ But they that run | after an | other | god : | shall | have | great | trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of | blood will | I not | offer : neither make | mention of their | names with | in my | lips.

f 6 The Lord Himself is the portion of mine in | heritance, | and of my | cup : | Thou | shalt main | tain my | lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto | me in a | fair | ground : | yea, I | have a | goodly | heritage.

dim 8 I will thank the | Lord for | giving me | warning : my reins also | chasten me | in the | night | season.

4. He that does not think highly of himself. The Bible version is different, but both may be right.

6. *i.e.*, lending money at an unfair rate of interest.

2. My goods are nothing without Thee; *i.e*, I have no good without Thee.

5. *Their* refers to the false gods, whose names he will not pollute his lips by mentioning.

8. Warning; *i.e.*, counsel. My reins; *i.e.*, my inmost feelings.

cres 9 I have set | God | always be | fore me : for He is on my right | hand, | therefore I | shall not | fall.

f 10 Wherefore my heart was | glad, and my | glory re- | joiced : my | flesh | also shall | rest in | hope.

11 For why? Thou shalt not | leave my | soul in | hell: neither shalt Thou suffer Thy | Holy | One to | see cor- | ruption.

ff 12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in Thy | presence is the | fulness of | joy : and at Thy right | hand there is | pleasure for | ever | more.

PSALM XVII.

The Stedfast Purpose of the Godly.

Double Chant. Goss in A flat. S. 86.

p 1 Hear the right, O Lord, con | sider | my com | plaint : and hearken unto my prayer, that | goeth not | out of | feigned | lips.

2 Let my | sentence come | forth from Thy | presence : and let Thine eyes | look up | on the | thing that is | equal.

cres 3 ¶ Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night season; Thou has tried me, and shalt | find no | wickedness | in me : for I am utterly purposed that | my | mouth shall | not of | fend.

4 Because of men's works, that are done a | gainst the | words of Thy | lips : I have kept me | from the | ways | of the de | stroyer.

f 5 O hold Thou up my | goings in | Thy | paths : | that my | footsteps | slip | not.

6 I have called upon Thee, O | God, for | Thou shalt | hear me : incline Thine ear to | me, and | hearken | unto my | words.

dim 7 Shew Thy marvellous loving-kindness, Thou that art the Saviour of them which | put their | trust in | Thee : from | such as re | sist Thy | right | hand.

p 8 Keep me as the | apple | of an | eye : hide me | under the | shadow of | Thy | wings,

10. My glory; *i.e.*, my soul.
11. In *Hades;* the unseen world, the place of departed spirits.
1. Feigned; *i.e.*, false. 2. Equal; *i.e.*, just.
4. *As for* men's works. 8. Apple; *i.e.*, pupil.

9 From the un | godly that | trouble | me : mine enemies compass me round a | bout to | take a | way my | soul.

10 They are in | closed in their | own | fat : | and their | mouth | speaketh proud | things.

11 They lie waiting in our | way on | every | side : | turning their | eyes | down to the | ground ;

12 Like as a | lion that is | greedy of his | prey : and as it were a lion's | whelp, | lurking in | secret | places.

cres 13 ¶ Up, Lord, disap | point him, and | cast him | down : deliver my soul from the un | godly, | which is a | sword of | Thine.

14 From the men of Thy hand, O Lord, from the men, I say, and | from the | evil | world : which have their portion in this life, whose | bellies Thou | fillest with | Thy hid | treasure.

15 They have | children at | their de | sire : and leave the | rest of their | substance | for their | babes.

dim 16 But as for me, I will be | hold Thy | presence in | righteousness : and when I awake up after Thy | likeness, | I shall be | satisfied | with it.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XVIII.

David's song of thanksgiving to God for all the mercies of his life. (2 Sam. xxii.) Prophetical of Christ's sufferings, and triumph over death.

Double Chant. Elvey in F. T. 104.

f 1 I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength ; the Lord is my stony | rock, and | my de | fence : my Saviour, my God, and my might, in Whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of | my salv | ation, | and my | refuge.

2 I will call upon the Lord, Which is | worthy to | be | praised : so shall | I be | safe from | mine | enemies.

9. And from mine enemies who compass me, &c.
13. Deliver my soul from the ungodly, by Thy sword.
14. *By* Thy hand, as in v. 13. Deliver me from men, and from the evil world, by Thy hand.
16. When I awake ; *i.e.*, at the resurrection. See S. Luke xvi. 25.
1. Buckler ; *i.e.*, shield. Horn ; *i.e.*, weapon of attack (because animals push with their horns).

p 3 ¶ The sorrows of | death | compassed | me : and the over | flowings of un | godliness | made me a | fraid.

4 The pains of | hell | came a | bout me : the | snares of | death | over | took me.

5 In my trouble I will | call up | on the | Lord : | and com | plain | unto my | God.

cres 6 So shall He hear my voice | out of His | holy | temple : and my complaint shall come before Him, it shall | enter | even | into His | ears.

f 7 The | earth | trembled and | quaked : the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were re | moved, be- | cause | He was | wroth.

8 There went a | smoke | out in His | presence : and a consuming fire out of His mouth, | so that | coals were | kindled | at it.

9 He bowed the heavens | also, and | came | down : and | it was | dark | under His | feet.

10 He rode upon the | cherubims, | and did | fly : He came | flying up | on the | wings of the | wind.

11 He made | darkness His | secret | place : His pavilion round about Him with dark water, and | thick | clouds to | cover | Him.

12 At the brightness of His | presence His | clouds re- | moved : | hail- | stones, and | coals of | fire.

ff 13 The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the | Highest | gave His | thunder : | hail- | stones, and | coals of | fire.

14 He sent out His | arrows, and | scattered | them : He cast forth | lightnings, | and de | stroyed | them.

15 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, at | Thy | chiding, O | Lord : at the | blasting of the | breath of | Thy dis- | pleasure.

mf 16 ¶ He shall send | down from on | high to | fetch me : and shall | take me | out of | many | waters.

5. I will call; rather, I *did* call: and so throughout the Psalm.

7. Alluding to the mighty acts which God had wrought for David, or perhaps to the majesty of His presence on mount Sinai.

15. Discovered; *i.e.*, laid bare, as were the foundations of the Red Sea, when the Israelites passed over.

17 He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy, | and from | them which | hate me : | for | they are too | mighty | for me.

dim 18 They prevented me | in the | day of my | trouble : | but the | Lord was | my up | holder.

cres 19 He brought me forth also | into a | place of | liberty : He brought me forth, even be | cause He had a | favour | unto | me.

20 The Lord shall reward me | after my | righteous | dealing : according to the | cleanness of my | hands shall He | recompense | me.

21 Because I have | kept the | ways of the | Lord : and have not forsaken my | God, | as the | wicked | doth.

22 For I have an | eye unto | all His | laws : and will | not cast | out His com | mandments | from me.

p 23 I was also | uncor | rupt be | fore Him : | and es- | chewed mine | own | wickedness.

cres 24 Therefore shall the Lord reward me | after my | righteous | dealing : and according unto the | cleanness of my | hands in | His | eye-sight.

25 With the | holy | Thou shalt be | holy : and | with a | perfect man | Thou shalt be | perfect.

26 With the | clean | Thou shalt be | clean : and | with the | froward | Thou shalt learn | frowardness.

mf 27 For Thou shalt save the | people that are | in ad- | versity : and shalt | bring | down the high | looks of the | proud.

28 Thou | also shalt | light my | candle : the Lord my God shall | make my | darkness to | be | light.

29 For in Thee I shall dis | comfit a | host of | men : and with the help of my | God I shall | leap | over the | wall.

18. Prevented me; *i.e.*, were beforehand with me, took advantage of me.

23. Eschewed; *i.e*, renounced, avoided.

25. God will deal with men according to their own actions.

26. Him that is perverse God gives up to follow his own perverse way. (See Psalm lxxxi. 12—But my people would not hear my voice, &c.; and Rom. i. 28—God gave them over to a reprobate mind).

28. Light my candle; *i.e*, encourage me with rays of hope.

29. Discomfit; *i.e.*, scatter.

30 The way of God is an | unde | filed | way : the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; He is the defender of all | them that | put their | trust in | Him.

Single Chant. Humphreys in C. S. 190.

ff 31 ¶ For who is | God, | but the | Lord : or who hath | any | strength, ex | cept our | God?

32 It is God, that | girdeth me with | strength of | war : | and | maketh my | way | perfect.

33 He | maketh my | feet like | harts' feet : | and | setteth me | up on | high.

34 He | teacheth mine | hands to | fight : and mine arms shall | break | even a | bow of | steel.

35 Thou hast given me the de | fence of | Thy salv- | ation : Thy right hand also shall hold me up, and Thy | loving cor | rection shall | make me | great.

36 Thou shalt make room enough | under me | for to | go : | that my | footsteps | shall not | slide.

mf 37 I will follow upon mine | enemies, and | over | take them : neither will I turn a | gain till | I have de | stroyed | them.

38 I will smite them, that they shall | not be | able to | stand : | but | fall | under my | feet.

cres 39 Thou hast girded me with | strength | unto the | battle : Thou shalt throw | down mine | enemies | under | me.

40 Thou hast made mine enemies also to | turn their | backs up | on me : and | I shall de | stroy | them that | hate me.

dim 41 They shall cry, but | there shall be | none to | help them : yea, even unto the Lord shall they | cry, but | He | shall not | hear them.

cres 42 I will beat them as small as the | dust be | fore the | wind : I will | cast them | out as the | clay in the | streets.

mf 43 Thou shalt deliver me from the | strivings | of the | people : and Thou shalt | make | me the | head of the | heathen.

32. Perfect; rather, *perfectly plain.*

33. The figures in this Psalm are chiefly borrowed from the deserts and mountain passes, in which David had so often taken refuge when pursued by his enemies.

43. The Head of the heathen: prophetical of Christ's universal kingdom.

44 A people | whom I | have not | known : | shall | serve | ... | me.

45 As soon as they | hear of me, | they shall o | bey me : but the strange | children | shall dis | semble | with me.

46 The | strange | children shall | fail : and | be a | fraid | out of their | prisons.

f 47 The Lord liveth, and | blessed be | my strong | helper : and | praised be the | God of | my salv | ation.

48 Even the God that | seeth that | I be a | venged : and sub | dueth the | people | unto | me.

49 It is He that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me | up a | bove mine | adversaries : Thou shalt | rid me | from the | wicked | man.

ff 50 For this cause will I give thanks unto Thee, O | Lord, a | mong the | Gentiles : and | sing | praises | unto Thy | Name.

51 Great prosperity | giveth He | unto His | King : and sheweth loving-kindness unto David His Anointed, and | unto His | seed for | ever | more.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XIX.

The glory of God in Nature and in Revelation.

Proper Psalm for Christmas Day.

Single Chant. Hayes in A. W. 97.

f 1 The heavens de | clare the | glory of | God : and the | firmament | sheweth His | handy | work.

2 | One day | telleth an | other : and | one night | certi- | fieth an | other.

3 There is | neither | speech nor | language : | but their | voices are | heard a | mong them.

4 Their sound is gone | out into | all | lands : and their | words | into the | ends of the | world.

45. Shall dissemble; *i.e.*, shall yield a half-hearted submission to me, through fear. Ps. lxvi. 2. 46. Prisons; *i.e.*, fortresses.

2. One day tells the next day of His glory.

3, 4. There is no sound: their voices are not heard; yet the silent witness is gone out into all lands, &c.

5 In them hath He set a | tabernacle | for the | sun :
cres which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and re | joiceth as a | giant to | run his | course.

ff 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the | end of | it a | gain : and there is | nothing | hid from the | heat there | of.

mf 7 ¶ The law of the Lord is an undefiled | law, con | verting the | soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and | giveth | wisdom | unto the | simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are | right, and re | joice the | heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and | giveth | light | unto the | eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is | clean, and | endureth for | ever : the judgements of the Lord are | true, and | righteous | alto | gether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, | yea, than | much fine | gold : sweeter | also than | honey, | and the | honey-comb.

11 Moreover, by | them is Thy | servant | taught : and in | keeping of them | there is | great re | ward.

p 12 ¶ Who can | tell how | oft he of | fendeth : O | cleanse Thou | me from my | secret | faults.

13 Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the do | minion | over | me : so shall I be undefiled, and | innocent | from the | great of | fence.

cres 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the medit | ation of | my | heart : be | alway ac | ceptable | in Thy | sight,

15 | O | ... | Lord : | my | strength, and | my Red- | eemer.

PSALM XX.

A Prayer for the king, when going forth to battle.

Single Chant. Monk in F. S. 117.

mf 1 The Lord | hear thee in the | day of | trouble : the | Name of the | God of | Jacob de | fend thee;

6. Compare S. John i. 9, "that was the true Light, which lighteth every man by coming into the world."

7. As the visible works of God are glorious, so are His moral works; *i.e.*, His Law. 9. Is clean; *i.e.*, makes clean.

13. The great offence; *i.e.*, final impenitence.

1. The people are here addressing their king, on the eve of battle.

2 | Send thee | help from the | sanctuary : | and | strengthen thee | out of | Sion ;

3 Re | member | all thy | offerings : | and ac | cept thy | burnt | sacrifice;

4 | Grant thee thy | heart's de | sire : | and ful | fil | all thy | mind.

cres 5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the | Name of the | Lord our | God : the | Lord per | form | all thy pet | itions.

f 6 ¶Now know I, that the Lord helpeth His Anointed, and will | hear him from His | holy | heaven : even with the | wholesome | strength of His | right | hand.

dim 7 Some put their trust in | chariots, and | some in | horses : *cres* but we will re | member the | Name of the | Lord our | God.

dim 8 | They are brought | down, and | fallen : *cres* but | we are | risen, and | stand up | right.

9 ¶ Save, Lord, and | hear us, O | King of | heaven : | when we | call up | on | Thee.

PSALM XXI.

Thanksgiving for victory.

Proper Psalm for Ascension Day. Single Chant. Macfarren in B flat. S. 56.

f. 1 The King shall re | joice in Thy | strength, O | Lord : exceeding | glad shall he | be of | Thy salv | ation.

2 Thou hast | given him his | heart's de | sire : and hast not de | nied him the re | quest of | his | lips.

3 For Thou shalt pre | vent him with the | blessings of | goodness : and shalt set a | crown of pure | gold up | on his | head.

4 He asked life of Thee, and Thou | gavest him a | long | life : | even for | ever | and | ever.

5. In thy safe preservation.
6. This is the King's answer. Wholesome ; *i.e.*, saving.
9. This verse, differently translated, occurs in our suffrages : O Lord save the King ; and mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
1. Thy salvation ; *i.e.*, Thy saving help.
3. Prevent him ; *i.e.*, come to meet him—give him before he asks.

5 His honour is | great in | Thy salv | ation : glory and great | worship | shalt Thou | lay up | on him.

6 For Thou shalt give him | ever | lasting fe | licity : and make him | glad with the | joy of | Thy | countenance.

7 And why? because the King | putteth his | trust in the | Lord : and in the mercy of the most | Highest | he shall | not mis | carry.

mf 8 ¶ All thine | enemies shall | feel thy | hand : thy right | hand shall | find out | them that | hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery | oven in | time of thy | wrath : the Lord shall destroy them in His displeasure, | and the | fire | shall con | sume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou | root | out of the | earth : and their | seed from a | mong the | children of | men.

11 For they in | tended | mischief a | gainst thee : and imagined such a device as they | are not | able | to per- | form.

12 Therefore shalt | thou | put them to | flight : and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make | ready a | against the | face of | them.

f 13 ¶ Be Thou exalted, | Lord, in Thine | own | strength : | so will we | sing, and | praise Thy | power.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXII.

Our Saviour on the Cross.

Proper Psalm for Good Friday. Single Chant. Felton in C mi. W. 35.

pp 1 My God, my God, look upon me; why hast | Thou for- | saken | me : and art so far from my health, and | from the | words of | my com | plaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but | Thou | hearest | not : and in the | night-season | also I | take no | rest.

5. In Thy salvation; *i.e.*, through Thy saving help.
7. Through the mercy. Miscarry; *i.e.*, be moved.
8—12. These verses are addressed to the King: the rest of the Psalm to God.
1. And art so far from helping me.

cres 3 ¶ And | Thou con | tinuest | holy : | O Thou | worship | of | Israel.

4 Our | fathers | hoped in | Thee : they trusted in | Thee, and | Thou didst de | liver | them.

5 They called upon | Thee, | and were | holpen : they put their | trust in | Thee, and were | not con | founded.

dim 6 ¶ But as for me, I am a | worm, and | no | man : a very scorn of | men, and the | outcast | of the | people.

7 All they that | see me | laugh me to | scorn : they shoot out their | lips, and | shake their | heads, | saying,

8 He trusted in God, that | He would de | liver | him : let Him de | liver him, | if | He will | have him.

cres 9 But Thou art He that took me | out of my | mother's | womb : Thou wast my hope, when I hanged | yet up | on my | mother's | breasts.

10 I have been left unto | Thee ever | since I was | born : Thou art my | God | even from my | mother's | womb.

dim 11 O go not from me, for | trouble is | hard at | hand : | and | there is | none to | help me.

12 Many | oxen are | come a | bout me : fat bulls of Basan | close me | in on | every | side.

cres 13 They gape up | on me | with their | mouths : as it were a | ramping | and a | roaring | lion.

dim 14 I am poured out like water, and all my | bones are | out of | joint : my heart also in the midst of my | body is | even like | melting | wax.

p 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue | cleaveth | to my | gums : and Thou shalt | bring me | into the | dust of | death.

cres 16 For many | dogs are | come a | bout me : and the council of the | wicked | layeth | siege a | gainst me.

dim 17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may | tell | all my | bones : they | stand | staring and | looking up | on me.

3. Not, Thou continuest to be holy, as Thou wert before; but, Thou still abidest, the Holy One, the worship of Israel.

12 *i.e.*, enemies as fierce as oxen or bulls. Basan was celebrated for its rich pastures.

13. Ramping; *i.e.*, springing. 14. Poured out; *i.e.*, melted away.

15. Like a potsherd; *i.e.*, like a piece of broken earthenware.

16. Dogs; *i.e.*, wicked and unclean men.

17. I may count all my bones: they stand staring; *i.e.*, the wicked.

18 They | part my | garments a | mong them : and | cast | lots up | on my | vesture.

p 19 But be not Thou | far from me, | O | Lord : Thou art my | succour, | haste | Thee to | help me.

20 De | liver my | soul from the | sword : my | darling | from the | power of the | dog.

21 | Save me from the | lion's | mouth : Thou hast heard me | also from a | mong the | horns of the | unicorns.

Single Chant. Battishill in E flat. W. 82.

cres 22 ¶ I will declare Thy | Name | unto my | brethren : in the midst of the | congreg | ation | will I | praise Thee :—

f 23 "O praise the | Lord, | ye that | fear Him : magnify Him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and | fear Him, | all ye | seed of | Israel;

24 For He hath not despised, nor abhorred, the | low e- | state of the | poor : He hath not hid His face from him, but when he | called | unto Him | He | heard him."

25 My praise is of | Thee in the | great congreg | ation : my vows will I per | form in the | sight of | them that | fear him.

26 The poor shall | eat, | and be | satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall | praise Him; your | heart shall | live for | ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be | turned | unto the | Lord : and all the | kindreds of the | nations shall | worship be | fore Him.

ff 28 For the | kingdom | is the | Lord's : and | He is the | Governour a | mong the | people.

29 All | such as be | fat upon | earth : | have | eaten, | and | worshipped.

dim 30 All they that go down into the | dust shall | kneel be- | fore Him : and | no man hath | quickened his | own | soul.

20. My darling; *i.e.*, my soul.

21. From among the horns of the *buffaloes*. There is no such thing as a unicorn. 22. Will I praise Thee; *saying*.

25. Of Thee; *i.e.*, from Thee. Thou dost enable me to praise Thee.

26. And their heart shall rejoice for ever.

29. All such as be fat; *i.e.*, the rich.

30. All they that go down, &c.; *i.e.*, the poor and wretched; for no man, rich or poor, can quicken (or keep alive) his own soul.

cres 31 | My | seed shall | serve Him : they shall be counted | unto the | Lord for a | gener | ation.

32 They shall come, and (the | heavens) shall de | clare His | righteousness : unto a people that shall be | born, | whom the | Lord hath | made.

PSALM XXIII.

The Good Shepherd.

Double Chant. Turle in G. W. 60.

mp 1 The | Lord is | my | shepherd : | therefore | can I | lack | nothing.

2 He shall | feed me in a | green | pasture : and lead me | forth be | side the | waters of | comfort.

cres 3 | He shall con | vert my | soul : and bring me forth in the paths of | righteousness, | for His | Name's | sake.

dim 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of | death, I will | fear no | evil : for Thou art with me; Thy | rod and Thy | staff | comfort | me.

cres 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against | them that | trouble | me : Thou hast anointed my head with | oil; | and my | cup shall be | full.

f 6 But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me | all the | days of my | life : and I will | dwell in the | house of the | Lord for | ever.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXIV.

The procession of the Ark to Mount Zion, and the triumphal entry of Christ into Heaven.

Proper Psalm for Ascension Day. Double Chant. Cross in A. S. 103.

f 1 The earth is the Lord's, and | all that | therein | is : the compass of the | world, and | they that | dwell there | in.

31. *i.e.*, there shall never be wanting a generation to serve the Lord.
32. *The heavens* should be omitted. The new generation, the Church, shall come, and declare His righteousness and His wonderful works to generations yet unborn.
3. Convert; *i.e.*, bring back, restore; as in the parable of the lost sheep. For His Name sake; *i.e.*, not for my goodness, but for His glory.
5. A banquet for me, in the very presence of my enemies—2 Sam. xvii. 27.
6. *But;* rather, *surely*.

2 For He hath | founded it up | on the | seas : | and pre | pared it up | on the | floods.

dim 3 ¶ "Who shall a | scend into the | hill of the | Lord : or who shall | rise | up in His | holy | place?"

p 4 "Even he that hath clean | hands, and a | pure | heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto | vanity, nor | sworn to de | ceive his | neighbour.

cres 5 He shall receive the | blessing | from the | Lord : and righteousness | from the | God | of his salv | ation."

6 This is the gener | ation of | them that | seek Him : even of | them that | seek Thy | face, O | Jacob.

ff 7 ¶ "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye | ever | lasting | doors : and the | King of | glory shall | come | in."

p 8 | "Who is the | King of | glory" : *f* "it is the Lord strong and mighty, | even the | Lord | mighty in | battle."

ff 9 "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye | ever | lasting | doors : and the | King of | glory shall | come | in."

p 10 | "Who is the | King of | glory" : *f* "even the Lord of | hosts, | He is the | King of | glory."

PSALM XXV.

A Prayer for Instruction and Forgiveness.

Single Chant. Kelway in D. W. 158.

p 1 Unto Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have | put my | trust in | Thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine | enemies | triumph | over | me.

2 For all they that hope in | Thee shall | not be a- | shamed : but such as transgress with | out a | cause shall be | put to con | fusion.

3 | Shew me Thy | ways, O | Lord : | and | teach me | Thy | paths.

2. And made it fast upon the waters.

4. And that hath not set his heart upon vanity, nor sworn so as to deceive; *i.e.*, sworn falsely.

6. Such are they that worship Him; that seek Thy face, O God of Jacob.

2. Transgress without cause; *i.e.*, are treacherous without provocation either towards God or man.

4 Lead me | forth in Thy | truth, and | learn me : for Thou art the God of my salvation ; in Thee hath | been my | hope | all the day | long.

pp 5 Call to remembrance, O | Lord, Thy | tender | mercies : and Thy loving | kindnesses, which | have been | ever of | old.

6 O remember not the sins and of | fences of | my | youth : but according to Thy mercy think thou upon | me, O | Lord, for | Thy | goodness.

mf 7 ¶ Gracious and | righteous | is the | Lord : therefore will He | teach | sinners | in the | way.

8 Them that are | meek shall he | guide in | judgement : and such as are | gentle, | them shall He | learn His | way.

9 All the paths of the | Lord are | mercy and | truth : unto such as | keep His | covenant, | and His | testimonies.

dim 10 For Thy | Name's | sake, O | Lord : be merciful | unto my | sin, for | it is | great.

11 What man is | he, that | feareth the | Lord : him shall He | teach in the | way that | he shall | choose.

cres 12 His | soul shall | dwell at | ease : | and his | seed shall in | herit the | land.

13 The secret of the Lord is a | mong | them that | fear Him : | and | He will | shew them His | covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever | looking | unto the | Lord : for He shall | pluck my | feet | out of the | net.

dim 15 Turn Thee unto me, and | have | mercy up | on me : for | I am | desolate, | and in | misery.

16 The | sorrows of my | heart are en | larged : | O bring | Thou me | out of my | troubles.

p 17 Look upon | my ad | versity and | misery : | and for- | give me | all my | sin.

18 Consider mine enemies, | how | many they | are : and they | bear a | tyrannous | hate a | gainst me.

19 O keep my | soul, and de | liver | me : let me not be confounded, for | I have | put my | trust in | Thee.

7. Sinners; *i.e.*, penitents.

10. As in Ps. xxiii. 3. Not *in remembrance* of Thy Name, but in order to *glorify* Thy Name.

11. That he *should* choose; *i.e.*, in the best way.

13. The secret of the Lord; *i.e.*, close communion with God.

20 Let perfectness and righteous | dealing | wait up | on me : | for my | hope hath | been in | Thee.

mf 21 De | liver | Israel, O | God : | out of | all | his | troubles.

PSALM XXVI.

A resolution to fear God.

Double Chant. Rogers in G. S. 171.

mf 1 Be Thou my Judge, O Lord, for | I have | walked | innocently : my trust hath been also in the | Lord, | therefore shall | I not | fall.

2 Examine | me, O | Lord, and | prove me : | try | out my | reins and my | heart.

3 For Thy loving-kindness is | ever be | fore mine | eyes : | and | I will | walk in Thy | truth.

4 I have not | dwelt with | vain | persons : neither will | I have | fellowship | with the de | ceitful.

5 I have hated the congreg | ation | of the | wicked : and | will not | sit a | mong the un | godly.

p 6 I will wash my hands in | innocency, | O | Lord : and | so will I | go to | Thine | altar;

cres 7 That I may | shew the | voice of thanks | giving : and | tell of | all Thy | wondrous | works.

8 Lord, I have loved the habit | ation of | Thy | house : and the | place | where Thine | honour | dwelleth.

dim 9 O shut not | up my | soul with the | sinners : | nor my | life with the | blood- | thirsty;

10 In | whose | hands is | wickedness : and | their right | hand is | full of | gifts.

cres 11 But as for | me, | I will walk | innocently : O deliver me, | and be | merciful | unto | me.

f 12 My | foot | standeth | right : I will | praise the | Lord in the | congreg | ations.

20. Wait upon me; *i.e.*, be at hand to preserve me.
7. Shew; *i.e.*, make it to be heard.
9. Shut not up; *i.e.*, do not include, do not class me among the wicked.
10. Gifts; *i.e.*, bribes.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm XXVII.

"One thing have I desired."

Double Chant. Boyce in D. W. 141.

f 1 The Lord is my light, and my salvation, | whom then | shall I | fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of | whom then | shall I | be a | fraid?

dim 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came up | on me to | eat up my | flesh : | they | stumbled | and | fell.

3 Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall | not my | heart be a | fraid : and though there rose up war against me, | yet will I | put my | trust in | Him.

cres 4 One thing have I desired of the | Lord, which | I will re | quire : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the | Lord, | and to | visit His | temple.

dim 5 For in the time of trouble He shall | hide me | in His | tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me | up up | on a | rock of | stone.

f 6 And now shall | He lift | up mine | head : a | bove mine | enemies | round a | bout me.

ff 7 Therefore will I offer in His dwelling an ob | lation with | great | gladness : I will | sing, and speak | praises | unto the | Lord.

p 8 ¶ Hearken unto my voice, O | Lord, when I | cry unto | Thee : have | mercy up | on me, | and | hear me.

pp 9 My heart hath talked of | Thee, | "Seek ye my | face" : | *f* Thy | face, | Lord, will I | seek.

dim 10 O hide not | Thou Thy | face from | me : nor cast Thy | servant a | way | in dis | pleasure.

11 | Thou hast | been my | succour : leave me not, neither for | sake me, O | God of | my salv | ation.

p 12 When my | father and my | mother for | sake me : | *f* the | Lord | taketh me | up.

4. Require; *i.e.*, seek after.

9. My heart hath repeated to itself Thine own words :—"Seek ye my face."

dim 13 | Teach me Thy | way, O | Lord : and lead me in the right | way, be | cause of | mine | enemies.

14 Deliver me not over | into the | will of mine | adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up a | gainst me, and | such as | speak | wrong.

cres 15 | I should | utterly have | fainted : but that I believe verily to see the | goodness of the | Lord in the | land of the | living.

f 16 O tarry | thou the | Lord's | leisure : be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart; and | put | thou thy | trust in the | Lord.

PSALM XXVIII.

Prayer and its Answer.

Double Chant. Hopkins in G. S. 50.

p 1 Unto Thee will I | cry, O | Lord my | strength : think no scorn of me; lest, if Thou make as though Thou hearest not, I become like | them that go | down | into the | pit.

2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions, | when I | cry unto | Thee : when I hold up my hands towards the | mercy-seat of | Thy | holy | temple.

3 O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with the un- | godly and | wicked | doers : which speak friendly to their neighbours, but i | magine | mischief | in their | hearts.

cres 4 Reward them ac | cording to | their | deeds : and according to the | wickedness of | their | own in | ventions.

5 Recompense them | after the | work of their | hands : | pay them | that they | have de | served.

dim 6 For they regard not in their mind the works of the Lord, nor the oper | ation of | His | hands : therefore shall He break them | down, and | not | build them | up.

f 7 ¶ | Praised | be the | Lord : for He hath | heard the | voice of my | humble pet | itions.

8 The Lord is my strength, and my shield; my heart hath trusted in | Him, and | I am | helped : therefore my heart danceth for | joy, and | in my | song will I | praise Him.

15. I should utterly faint. In the land of the living; *i.e.*, in this life.
16. Strong; *i.e.*, courageous.

ff 9 The | Lord | is my | strength : and He is the | wholesome de | fence of | His An | ointed.

dim 10 O save Thy people, and give Thy | blessing unto | Thine in | heritance : | feed them, and | set them | up for | ever.

PSALM XXIX.

The Voice of the Lord.

Double Chant. Lawes in C. W. 117.

f 1 Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring (young | rams) | unto the | Lord : a | scribe unto the | Lord | worship and | strength.

2 Give the Lord the honour | due | unto His | Name : | worship the | Lord with | holy | worship.

cres 3 It is the | Lord, that com | mandeth the | waters : it is the | glorious | God, that | maketh the | thunder.

4 It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is | mighty in | oper | ation : the | voice of the | Lord is a | glorious | voice.

ff 5 The voice of the | Lord | breaketh the | cedar-trees : yea, the | Lord | breaketh the | cedars of | Libanus.

6 He maketh them | also to | skip like a | calf : Libanus also, and | Sirion, | like a | young | unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the | Lord | shaketh the | wilderness : *rall* yea, the | Lord | shaketh the | wilderness of | Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and dis | covereth the | thick | bushes : in His | temple doth | every man | speak of His | honour.

9. Wholesome; *i.e.*, saving.

10. This verse also occurs in the *Te Deum*.

1. Give unto the Lord, O ye angels, give unto the Lord glory and strength. The words *young rams* should have been omitted.

3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. This phrase occurs seven times in this Psalm. Compare Rev. x. 3.

5. Cedars of Libanus; *i.e.*, the largest cedars of all.

6. Sirion; *i.e.*, Mount Hermon, is in the extreme north: Kadesh in the extreme south: so that the storm rages over the whole of Palestine. Unicorn, properly *buffalo*.

7. Divideth the flames of fire; *i.e.*, makes the forked lightning.

8. Makes them start in terror, so that they cast their young before the time. Discovereth; *i.e.*, lays bare, strips off their leaves.

mf 9 The Lord | sitteth a | bove the | water-flood : and the | Lord re | maineth a | King for | ever.

10 The Lord shall give | strength | unto His | people :
p the Lord shall | give His | people the | blessing of | peace.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXX.

Heaviness and joy.

Single Chant. Dyce in F. S. 14.

f 1 I will magnify Thee, O Lord, for | Thou hast | set me | up : and not made my | foes to | triumph | over | me.

dim 2 O Lord my | God, I | cried unto | Thee : | and | Thou hast | healed | me.

3 Thou, Lord, hast | brought my | soul out of | hell : Thou hast kept my | life from | them that go | down to the | pit.

cres 4 Sing praises unto the Lord, | O ye | saints of | His : and give thanks unto Him | for a re | membrance of | His | holiness.

5 For His wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and | in His | pleasure is | life : *dim* heaviness may endure for a | night, *f* but | joy cometh | in the | morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, | "I shall | never be re- | moved" : Thou, Lord, of Thy | goodness hast | made my | hill so | strong.

dim 7 ¶ Thou didst | turn Thy | face from | me : | and | I | was | troubled.

p 8 Then cried I | unto | Thee, O | Lord : and | gat me | to my | Lord right | humbly ;—

9 "What profit | is there | in my | blood : | when I | go | down to the | pit ?

9. The Lord sat enthroned at the flood ; *i.e.*, the deluge.
3. From them ; *i.e.*, from the fate of them.
4. Give thanks to the remembrance or memorial of His holiness ; *i.e.*, to His Holy Name.
5. His anger is for a moment—His favour for a life time.
9. What profit ; *i.e.*, what service can it render Thee ?

10 Shall the | dust give | thanks unto | Thee : | or | shall it de | clare Thy | truth?

11 Hear, O | Lord, and have | mercy up | on me : | Lord, be | Thou | my | helper."

cres 12 Thou hast turned my | heaviness | into | joy : Thou hast put off my | sackcloth, and | girded | me with | gladness.

f 13 Therefore shall every good man | sing of Thy | praise without | ceasing : O my God, I will | give | thanks unto | Thee for | ever.

PSALM XXXI.

The plentiful goodness of God.

Single Chant. Weldon in G mi. W. 19.

mf 1 In Thee, O | Lord, have I | put my | trust : let me never be put to con | fusion, de | liver me | in Thy | righteousness.

dim 2 Bow | down Thine | ear to | me : | make | haste to de | liver | me.

3 And be Thou my strong | rock, and | house of de- | fence : | that | Thou mayest | save | me.

cres 4 For Thou art my strong | rock, | and my | castle : be Thou also my guide, and | lead me | for Thy | Name's | sake.

5 Draw me out of the net, that they have | laid | privily | for me : | for | Thou art | my | strength.

dim 6 Into Thy | hands I com | mend my | spirit : for Thou hast redeemed me, | O | Lord, Thou | God of | truth.

7 I have hated them that | hold of super | stitious | vanities : | and my | trust hath | been in the | Lord.

f 8 I will be | glad, and re | joice in Thy | mercy : for Thou hast considered my trouble, | and hast | known my | soul in ad | versities.

12. Rather; *Thou didst turn.* David is recounting his ow1 actual experience in some particular case.

13. Not *every good man,* but *my glory ; i.e., my soul.*

7. That observe lying vanities ; *i.e.*, worship false gods.

8. Known ; *i.e.*, acknowledged.

9 Thou hast not shut me | up into the | hand of the | enemy : but hast | set my | feet in a | large | room.

dim 10 ¶ Have mercy upon me, O | Lord, for | I am in | trouble : and mine eye is consumed for very | heaviness ; | yea, my | soul and my | body.

p 11 For my | life is waxen | old with | heaviness : | and my | years | with | mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, be | cause of | mine in | iquity : | and my | bones | are con | sumed.

13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but e | specially a | mong my | neighbours : and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me ; and they that did see me with | out con | veyed them | selves | from me.

14 I am clean forgotten, as a | dead man | out of | mind : | I am be | come like a | broken | vessel.

15 For I have heard the | blăsphemy | of the | multitude : and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their | counsel to | take a | way my | life.

Single Chant. Ayrton in E flat. W. 130.

f 16 ¶ But my hope hath | been in | Thee, O | Lord : I have | said, | "Thou art | my | God."

17 My time is in Thy hand ; deliver me | from the | hand of mine | enemies : | and from | them that | persecute | me.

18 Shew Thy | servant the | light of Thy | countenance : and | save me | for Thy | mercy's | sake.

dim 19 Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for | I have | called upon | Thee : let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be | put to | silence | in the | grave.

20 Let the lying | lips be | put to | silence : which cruelly, disdainfully, and de | spitefully, | speak a | gainst the | righteous.

cres 21 ¶ O how plentiful is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid | up for | them that | fear Thee : and that Thou hast pre-

13. And among my neighbours exceedingly. Without ; *i.e.*, in the street.

14. Like a broken vessel ; *i.e.*, fit for nothing.

15. Not blasphemy, but *slander*.

17. My time ; *i.e.*, my lot, my fate, my whole life.

pared for them that put their trust in Thee, | even be | fore the | sons of | men!

22 Thou shalt hide them privily by Thine own presence | from the pro | voking of | all men : Thou shalt keep them secretly in Thy | tabernacle | from the | strife of | tongues.

f 23 | Thanks | be to the | Lord : for He hath shewed me marvellous great | kindness | in a | strong | city.

dim 24 And | when I made | haste, I | said : "I am | cast | out of the | sight of Thine | eyes."

cres 25 Nevertheless, Thou | heardest the | voice of my | prayer : | when I | cried | unto | Thee.

f 26 O love the | Lord, all | ye His | saints : for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and | plenteously re | warded the | proud | doer.

27 Be strong, and | He shall e | stablish your | heart: all | ye that | put your | trust in the | Lord.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXXII.

Confession of sin. Proper Psalm for Ash Wednesday.

Double Chant. Turle in A. W. 126.

mf 1 Blessed is he whose un | righteousness | is for | given : | and | whose | sin is | covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the | Lord im | puteth no | sin : and in | whose | spirit there is | no | guile.

dim 3 For | while I | held my | tongue : my bones con | sumed a | way through my | daily com | plaining.

4 For Thy hand is heavy up | on me | day and | night : and my | moisture is | like the | drought in | summer.

21. *i.e.*, even in this life.

22. By Thine own presence; *i.e.*, by the dazzling brightness of that presence, which shall blind the eyes of their enemies.

23. *i.e.*, has fortified me against the attacks of enemies.

24. *And though I said in my haste.*

27. *Rather*, be courageous, and He shall make you strong.

2. No guile; *i.e.*, no falseness. 3. *i.e.*, before I confessed my sin.

4. Was heavy, &c., and my moisture was dried up, and turned into drought.

p 5 I will ac | knowledge my | sin unto | Thee : and | mine un | righteousness | have I not | hid.

6 I said, I will confess my | sins | unto the | Lord : and *cres* so Thou for | gavest the | wickedness | of my | sin.

7 ¶ For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a | time when Thou | mayest be | found : but in the great waterflood | they shall | not come | nigh | him.

f 8 Thou art a place to hide me in, | Thou shalt pre | serve me from | trouble : Thou shalt | compass me a | bout with | songs of de | liverance.

mf 9 ¶ I will inform thee, and teach thee in the | way where- | in thou shalt | go : and | I will | guide thee | with mine | eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and | mule, which have | no under | standing : whose mouths must be held with bit and | bridle, | lest they | fall up | on thee.

11 Great plagues re | main for the | un | godly : but *cres* whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, | mercy em | braceth him on | every | side.

f 12 Be glad, O ye righteous, | and re | joice in the | Lord : and be | joyful, all | ye that are | true of | heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

The Sovereignty of God's Word.

Single Chant. Ouseley in D. W. 170.

f 1 Rejoice in the | Lord, | O ye | righteous : for it be- | cometh | well the | just to be | thankful.

2 | Praise the | Lord with | harp : sing praises unto Him with the | lute, and | instrument of | ten | strings.

3 Sing unto the | Lord a | new | song : sing praises lustily | unto | Him with a | good | courage.

5. I would acknowledge; *i.e.*, I determined to acknowledge. Have I not hid; better, I did not hide.

7. For this; *i.e.*, for this cause. Surely, when the great waters overflow, they shall not come nigh him.

9. David is here instructing others, from his own experience. With mine eye; *i.e.*, by watching thee.

10. Lest they fall, &c.; rather, *so that they may* come near, and obey you.

mf 4 ¶ For the | word of the | Lord is | true : | and | all His | works are | faithful.

5 He | loveth | righteousness and | judgement : the earth is | full of the | goodness | of the | Lord.

6 By the word of the | Lord were the | heavens | made : and all the | hosts of them | by the | breath of His | mouth.

cres 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it | were up | on a | heap : and layeth | up the | deep, as | in a | treasure-house.

8 Let all the | earth | fear the | Lord : stand in awe of | Him, all | ye that | dwell in the | world.

f 9 For He | spake, and | it was | done : He com- | manded, | and it | stood | fast.

mp 10 The Lord bringeth the | counsel of the | heathen to | naught : and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and | casteth | out the | counsels of | princes.

cres 11 The counsel of the | Lord shall en | dure for | ever : and the thoughts of His | heart from gener | ation to | gener | ation.

f 12 Blessed are the people, whose | God is the | Lord Je- | hovah : and blessed are the folk, that He hath | chosen to | Him to | be His in | heritance.

13 ¶ The Lord looked down from heaven, and be | held all the | children of | men : from the habitation of His dwelling He con | sidereth all | them that | dwell on the | earth.

14 He fashioneth | all the | hearts of | them : and | under | standeth | all their | works.

mp 15 There is no king that can be saved by the | multitude | of a | host : neither is any mighty | man de | livered by | much | strength.

16 A horse is counted but a | vain thing to | save a | man : neither shall he deliver | any man | by his | great | strength.

cres 17 Behold, the eye of the | Lord is upon | them that | fear Him : and upon | them that | put their | trust in His | mercy;

9. For He spake, and it was; *i.e.*, it came into existence.

18 To de | liver their | soul from | death : and to | feed them | in the | time of | dearth.

19 Our soul hath patiently | tarried | for the | Lord : for | He is our | help, | and our | shield.

f 20 For our | heart shall re | joice in | Him : because we have | hoped | in His | holy | Name.

dim 21 Let Thy merciful kindness, O | Lord, | be upon | us : like as | we do | put our | trust in | Thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

The Providence of God.

Double Chant. Oakeley in G. S. 157.

p 1 I will alway give | thanks | unto the | Lord : His | praise shall | ever be | in my | mouth.

2 My soul shall | make her | boast in the | Lord : the | humble shall | hear thereof, | and be | glad.

cres 3 O | praise the | Lord with | me : and | let us | magnify His | Name to | gether.

4 I sought the | Lord, and | He | heard me : yea, He de- | livered me | out of | all my | fear.

5 They had an eye unto | Him, | and were | lightened : | and their | faces were | not a | shamed.

6 ¶ Lo, the poor crieth, and the | Lord | heareth | him : yea, and | saveth him | out of | all his | troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth | round about | them that | fear Him : | and | ... de | livereth | them.

f 8 O taste, and see, how | gracious the | Lord | is : | blessed is the | man that | trusteth in | Him.

9 O fear the Lord, | ye that | are His | saints : for | they that | fear Him | lack | nothing.

dim 10 The lions do | lack, and | suffer | hunger : *cres* but they who seek the Lord shall | want no | manner of | thing that is | good.

mf 11 ¶ Come, ye children, and | hearken | unto | me : | I will | teach you the | fear of the | Lord.

5. They (*i.e.*, the humble spoken of in v. 2) looked unto Him, and their darkness was lightened.
7. Tarrieth ; *i.e.*, encampeth. 10. The lions ; *i.e.*, the very strongest.

12 What man is | he that | lusteth to | live : | and would | fain | see good | days?

pp 13 | Keep thy | tongue from | evil : | and thy | lips, that they | speak no | guile.

14 Eschew | evil, and | do | good : | seek | peace | and en | sue it.

cres 15 The eyes of the | Lord are | over the | righteous : and His | ears are | open | unto their | prayers.

dim 16 The countenance of the Lord is a | gainst | them that do | evil : to root out the re | membrance of | them | from the | earth.

f 17 ¶ The righteous cry, and the | Lord | heareth | them : and de | livereth them | out of | all their | troubles.

dim 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that | are of a | contrite | heart : and will save | such as | be of a | humble | spirit.

19 Great are the | troubles | of the | righteous : but the |

f Lord de | livereth him | out of | all.

20 He | keepeth | all his | bones : | so that not | one of | them is | broken.

dim 21 But mis | fortune shall | slay the un | godly : and they that | hate the | righteous | shall be | desolate.

cres 22 The Lord de | livereth the | souls of His | servants : and all they that put their | trust in | Him shall | not be | destitute.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm XXXV.

The Righteous Judge.

Double Chant. Goss in E. W. 147.

mf 1 Plead Thou my cause, O Lord, with | them that | strive with | me : and fight | Thou against | them that | fight against | me.

2 Lay | hand upon the | shield and | buckler : | and | stand | up to | help me.

14. Eschew; *i.e*, avoid. Ensue; *i.e.*, pursue.
21. Shall be punished, or condemned. 22. Shall not be condemned.
2. *i.e.*, gird on thine armour.

3 Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against | them that | persecute | me : say unto my | soul, | "I am | thy salv | ation."

4 Let them be confounded, and put to shame, that | seek | after my | soul : let them be turned back, and brought to con | fusion, that i | magine | mischief | for me.

cres 5 Let them be as the | dust be | fore the | wind : and the | angel of the | Lord | scattering | them.

6 Let their | way be | dark and | slippery : and let the | angel of the | Lord | persecute | them.

dim 7 For they have privily laid their net to de | stroy me with | out a | cause : yea, even without a | cause have they | made a | pit for my | soul.

8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares, and his net, that he hath laid | privily, | catch him | self : that he may | fall | into his | own | mischief.

f 9 ¶ And, my soul, be | joyful | in the | Lord : | it shall re | joice in | His salv | ation.

10 All my bones shall say, "Lord, who is like unto Thee, Who deliverest the poor from | him that is | too strong | for him : yea, the poor, and him that is in | misery, from | him that | spoileth | him?"

dim 11 ¶ False | witnesses did | rise | up : they laid to my | charge | things that I | knew | not.

12 They re | warded me | evil for | good : to the | great dis | comfort | of my | soul.

p 13 Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and | humbled my | soul with | fasting : and my prayer shall | turn | into mine | own | bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had | been my | friend, or my | brother : I went heavily, as | one that | mourneth | for his | mother.

cres 15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and | gathered them | selves to | gether : yea, the very abjects came together

4. My soul; *i.e.*, my life. 5. Dust; rather *chaff*, as in Psalm i. 5.
9. Salvation; *i.e.*, protection. 10. All my bones; *i.e.*, my whole body.
13. Shall turn into mine own bosom; *i.e.*, shall bring a blessing upon myself.
15 The very abjects; *i.e.*, the most worthless.

against me unawares, making | mouths at | me, and | ceased | not.

16 With the | flatterers were | busy | mockers : who | gnashed up | on me | with their | teeth.

mf 17 Lord, how | long wilt Thou | look upon | this : O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me, | and my | darling | from the | lions.

f 18 So will I give Thee | thanks in the | great congreg- | ation : | I will | praise Thee a | mong much | people.

dim 19 ¶ O let not them that are mine enemies triumph | over me | un | godly : neither let them wink with their | eyes that | hate me with | out a | cause.

20 And why? their | commŭning is | not for | peace : but they imagine deceitful words against | them that are | quiet | in the | land.

mf 21 They gaped up | on me with their | mouths, and | said : "Fie on thee, | fie on thee, we | saw it | with our | eyes."

cres 22 This | Thou hast | seen, O | Lord : hold not Thy tongue then, | go not | far from me, | O | Lord.

ff 23 ¶ Awake, and stand | up to | judge my | quarrel : avenge Thou my | cause, my | God, | and my | Lord.

24 Judge me, O Lord my God, ac | cording to | Thy | righteousness : and | let them not | triumph | over | me.

mf 25 Let them not say in their hearts, "There, | there, | so would we | have it :" neither let them | say, | "We have de | voured | him."

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame to | gether, that re | joice at my | trouble : let them be clothed with rebuke and dis | honour, that | boast them | selves a | gainst me.

cres 27 Let them be glad and rejoice, that | favour my | righteous | dealing : yea, let them say alway, "Blessed be

16. Flatterers; *i.e.*, jesters, who mocked me for the sake of getting into favour with their masters.

17. My darling; *i.e.*, my treasure, my life.

19. Ungodly; *i.e.*, wrongfully, falsely; the word ought to come after *enemies*. 20. Communing; *i.e.*, secret talking.

21. Not, we saw it with our eyes (*i.e.*, we caught him in the act), but our eye hath seen it; *i.e.*, the downfall of our enemy.

22. This *Thou* hast seen; throwing back their own words upon them.

the Lord, Who hath pleasure | in the pro | sperity | of His | servant."

f 28 And as for my tongue, it shall be | talking of | Thy | righteousness : | and of Thy | praise | all the day | long.

PSALM XXXVI.

The oracle of evil in the heart of the ungodly.

Double Chant. Goss in A. W. 120.

p 1 My heart sheweth me the | wickedness | of the un- | godly : that there is no | fear of | God be | fore his | eyes.

2 For he flattereth him | self in his | own | sight : until his ab | ominable | sin be | found | out.

3 The words of his mouth are un | righteous, and | full of de | ceit : he hath left off to behave himself | wisely, | and to | do | good.

4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath | set himself in | no good | way : neither doth he ab | hor | any thing | that is | evil.

f 5 ¶ Thy mercy, O Lord, | reacheth | unto the | heavens : | and Thy | faithfulness | unto the | clouds.

6 Thy righteousness | standeth | like the strong | mountains : Thy | judgements are | like the | great | deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent | is Thy | mercy, O | God : and the children of men shall put their trust | under the | shadow of | Thy | wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the | plenteousness of | Thy | house : and Thou shalt give them | drink of Thy | pleasures, as | out of the | river.

1. More correctly: *the wicked hath an oracle of evil within his heart; i.e.*, a spirit of iniquity prompting him to fresh wickedness.

2. For he deludes himself with the hope that he shall not be found out—but, more correctly, *for He* (*i.e.*, God) *indulges him* (*as it seems to him*), and winks at his sin, until at last it is found out.

4. Upon his bed; *i.e.*, in time of sickness, when he ought to be recollecting his sins.

6. This is not a mere poetical figure, but the expression of a great truth concerning God. Height is the very fittest emblem of His righteousness, and depth of His judgment.

7. Thou, Lord, preservest all Thy creatures alike.

9 For with | Thee is the | well of | life : and in | Thy | light shall we | see | light.

10 O continue forth Thy loving | kindness unto | them that | know Thee : and Thy righteousness | unto | them that are | true of | heart.

dim 11 O let not the foot of | pride | come a | gainst me : and let not the | hand of the un | godly | cast me | down.

f 12 There are they | fallen, | all that work | wickedness : they are cast | down, and shall | not be | able to | stand.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm XXXVII.

The Providence of God.

Double Chant. Turle in F. W. 39.

mf 1 Fret not thyself be | cause of the | un | godly : neither be thou | envious a | gainst the | evil | doers.

dim 2 For they shall | soon be cut | down like the | grass : and be | withered | even as the | green | herb.

cres 3 Put thou thy trust in the | Lord, and be | doing | good : dwell in the | land, and | verily | thou shalt be | fed.

f 4 De | light | thou in the | Lord : and | He shall | give thee thy | heart's de | sire.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and | put thy | trust in | Him : | and | He shall | bring it to | pass.

6 He shall make thy | righteousness as | clear as the | light : and | thy just | dealing | as the | noon-day.

7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide | patiently up- | on | Him : but grieve not thyself at him, whose way doth prosper, against the man that | doeth | after | evil | counsels.

8 Leave off from | wrath, and let | go dis | pleasure : fret not thyself, else shalt | thou be | moved to | do | evil.

p 9 Wicked | doers shall be | rooted | out : *f* and they that patiently abide the | Lord, | those shall in | herit the | land.

9. The source—the fountain—of life.

11. The foot and the hand, so as to include *all* the attacks of the ungodly, whether treacherous or open.

3. So shalt thou dwell in the land of promise, and enjoy security.

7. Hold thee still; *i.e.*, rest silently. Against; more correctly, *because of*.

p 10 Yet a little while, and the un | godly shall be | clean | gone : thou shalt look after his | place, and | he shall | be a | way.

f 11 But the meek | spirited shall pos | sess the | earth : and shall be re | freshed in the | multitude | of | peace.

dim 12 The ungodly seeketh | counsel a | gainst the | just : and | gnasheth up | on him | with his | teeth.

cres 13 The | Lord shall | laugh him to | scorn : for | He hath | seen that his | day is | coming.

dim 14 The ungodly have drawn out the | sword, and have | bent their | bow : to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as | are of a | right | convers | ation.

cres 15 Their sword shall go | through their | own | heart : | and their | bow | shall be | broken.

16 A | small thing that the | righteous | hath : is better than | great | riches of the | un | godly.

dim 17 For the arms of the un | godly | shall be | broken : | *cres* and the | Lord up | holdeth the | righteous.

18 The Lord | knoweth the | days of the | godly : and their in | heritance | shall en | dure for | ever.

19 They shall not be con | founded in the | perilous | time : and in the | days of | dearth they shall | have e | nough.

dim 20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord shall con | sume as the | fat of | lambs : yea, even as the | smoke, shall | they con | sume a | way.

21 The ungodly | borroweth, and | payeth not a | gain : but the | righteous is | merciful | and | liberal.

22 Such as are blessed of | God shall pos | sess the | land : and they that are | cursed of | Him shall be | rooted | out.

11. The multitude; *i.e.*, the abundance.
12. Seeketh counsel; *i.e.*, deviseth evil.
13. His day; *i.e*, the day of his trouble. 14. Conversation; *i.e.*, behaviour.
16. The little that the righteous hath.
17. Arms; *i.e.*, bow, &c. And the Lord; rather, *but* the Lord.
20. Not, as the fat of lambs, but as the *glory of the pastures: i.e.*, the grass and flowers. Not as the smoke, but *in* smoke.
21. The meaning is, not that he is dishonest, and *will* not pay, but that he is so reduced by his poverty, that he *cannot* pay.
22. *Of* in this verse, and frequently elsewhere, means *by*.

f 23 The Lord | ordereth a | good man's | going : and maketh his | way ac | ceptable | to Him | self.

24 Though he fall, he shall | not be | cast a | way : for the | Lord up | holdeth him | with His | hand.

25 I have been | young, and | now am | old : and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, | nor his | seed | begging their | bread.

26 The righteous is | ever | merciful, and | lendeth : | and his | seed | is | blessed.

mf 27 Flee from evil, and | do the | thing that is | good : | and | dwell for | ever | more.

28 For the Lord | loveth the | thing that is | right : He forsaketh not His that be | godly, but | they are pre | served for | ever.

Single Chant. Elvey in B flat. T. 52.

im 29 ¶ The un | righteous | shall be | punished : as for the seed of the un | godly, | it shall be | rooted | out.

res 30 The | righteous shall in | herit the | land : | and | dwell there | in for | ever.

31 The mouth of the | righteous is | exercised in | wisdom : | and his | tongue will be | talking of | judgement.

32 The law of his | God is | in his | heart : | and his | goings | shall not | slide.

im 33 The un | godly | seeth the | righteous : | and | seeketh oc | casion to | slay him.

34 The Lord will not | leave him | in his | hand : | nor con | demn him | when he is | judged.

es 35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall promote thee, that | thou shalt pos | sess the | land : when the un | godly shall | perish, | thou shalt | see it.

f 36 I myself have seen the un | godly in | great | power : and | flourishing | like a | green | bay-tree.

p 37 I went | by, and | lo, he was | gone : I | sought him, but his | place could | no where be | found.

23. To Himself; *i.e.*, to God.

31. Is exercised in; *i.e.*, uttereth. Will be talking; *i.e.*, is always talking.

33. Seeth; *i.e.*, watcheth. 37. Yet *he* passed away and lo, &c.

mf 38 Keep innocency, and take | heed unto the | thing that is | right : for | that shall | bring a man | peace at the | last.

dim 39 As for the transgressors, | they shall | perish together : and the end of the ungodly is, | they shall be | rooted | out at the | last.

f 40 But the salvation of the | righteous | cometh of the | Lord : Who is | also their | strength in the | time of | trouble.

41 And the Lord shall | stand | by them, and | save them : He shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, be | cause they | put their | trust in | Him. •

Morning Prayer.

Psalm XXXVIII.

The Plague of Sin.

Double Chant. Oakeley in D min. S. 62.

p 1 Put me not to re | buke, O | Lord, in Thine | anger : neither | chasten me | in Thy | heavy dis | pleasure.

2 For Thine | arrows stick | fast in | me : † and Thy | hand | presseth me | sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh, be | cause of | Thy displeasure : neither is there any rest in my | bones, by | reason of | my | sin.

4 For my wickednesses are | gone | over my | head : and are like a sore | burden, too | heavy for | me to | bear.

5 My wounds | stink, and | are cor | rupt : | through | my | foolish | ness.

6 I am brought into | so great | trouble and | misery : that | I go | mourning | all the day | long.

7 For my loins are | filled with a | sore dis | ease : and | there is | no whole | part in my | body.

8 I am | feeble, and | sore | smitten : I have roared for the | very dis | quietness | of my | heart.

cres 9 ¶ Lord, Thou | knowest | all my de | sire : and my | groaning | is not | hid from | Thee.

38. Observe the perfect man—mark the upright, that the man of peace hath a posterity.

39. And as for the posterity of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

p 10 My heart panteth, my | strength hath | failed | me : and the | sight of mine | eyes is | gone | from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand | looking up- | on my | trouble : | and my | kinsmen | stood afar | off.

12 They also that sought after my | life laid | snares for | me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wicked- ness, and i | magined de | ceit | all the day | long.

pp 13 As for me, I was | like a deaf | man, and | heard not : and as one that is | dumb, who | doth not | open his | mouth.

14 I became even as a | man that | heareth | not ; and in | whose | mouth are | no re | proofs.

Change to major.

cres 15 ¶ For in Thee, O | Lord, have I | put my | trust : Thou shalt | answer | for me, O | Lord my | God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not | triumph | over | me : for when my foot slipped, | they re | joiced | greatly a | gainst me.

dim 17 And I, | truly, am | set in the | plague : and my | heaviness is | ever | in my | sight.

18 For | I will con | fess my | wickedness : | and be | sorry | for my | sin.

cres 19 But mine | enemies | live, and are | mighty : and they that | hate me | wrongfully are | many in | number.

20 They also that reward | evil for | good are a | gainst me : because I | follow the | thing that | good | is.

dim 21 Forsake me | not, O | Lord my | God : | be not | Thou | far from | me.

22 | Haste | Thee to | help me : | O Lord | God of | my salv | ation.

PSALM XXXIX.

The shortness of life.

Single Chant. Elvey in G. S. 31.

mf 1 I said, "I will | take | heed to my | ways : that | I of- | fend not | in my | tongue.

11. Did stand looking upon; *i.e.*, stood aloof from.
14. Reproofs: *i.e.*, replies. 16. I have earnestly entreated.
17. In the plague; lit., in the *stroke* (Latin *plaga*); *i.e.*, I am always being struck down.

2 I will keep my | mouth as it | were with a | bridle : | while the un | godly is | in my | sight."

3 I held my | tongue, and | spake | nothing : I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but | it was | pain and | grief to | me.

4 My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus | musing the | fire | kindled : and | at the | last I | spake with my | tongue;—

dim 5 "Lord, let me know mine | end, and the | number of my | days : that I may be | certified how | long I | have to | live.

p 6 Behold, Thou hast made my days as it | were a | span | long : and mine age is even as nothing in respect of Thee; and verily every man | living is | alto | gether | vanity."

7 ¶ For man walketh in a vain shadow, and dis | quieteth him | self in | vain : he heapeth up riches, and | cannot tell | who shall | gather | them.

cres 8 And | now, Lord, | what is my | hope : | truly my | hope is | even in | Thee.

9 De | liver me from | all mine of | fences : and make me | not a re | buke | unto the | foolish.

dim 10 I became dumb, and | opened | not my | mouth : | for | it was | Thy | doing.

p 11 Take Thy | plague a | way from | me : I am even con- | sumed by the | means of Thy | heavy | hand.

12 When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, Thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a | moth | fretting a | garment : | every man | therefore | is but | vanity.

13 ¶ Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Thine | ears con- | sider my | calling : | hold | not Thy | peace at my | tears.

3. *Yea, while far from good; i.e.*, I kept silence, and had no comfort from it, but &c.

5. Rather, that I may know and feel how *short* a time I have to live.

6. In respect of Thee; *i.e.*, before Thee. Living; *i.e.*, in his prime.

7. *As a* shadow, without any reality.

9. A rebuke. *i.e.*, a byword.

10. *i.e.*, I had nothing to say for myself, knowing that my afflictions came from Thee. David does not mean that God had stricken him dumb.

11. Plague, *i.e.*, *stroke*. By the means; rather, by the blow.

14 For | I am a | stranger with | Thee : and a | sojourner, as | all my | fathers | were.

cres 15 O spare me a little, that | I may re | cover my | strength : be | fore I go | hence, and be | no more | seen.

PSALM XL.

"Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross."

Proper Psalm for Good Friday.

Single Chant. Havergal in C. S. 244.

f 1 I waited | patiently | for the | Lord : and He in | clined unto | me, and | heard my | calling.

2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, | out of the | mire and | clay : and set my | feet upon the | rock, and | ordered my | goings.

cres 3 And He hath put a | new | song in my | mouth : | even a | thanksgiving | unto our | God.

4 | Many shall | see it, and | fear : | and shall | put their | trust in the | Lord.

5 Blessed is the man that hath | set his | hope in the | Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to | such as | go a | bout with | lies.

f 6 ¶ O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which Thou hast done, like as be also Thy | thoughts which | are to | us-ward : and yet there is | no man that | ordereth them | unto | Thee.

7 If I should de | clare them, and | speak of | them : they should be | more than I am | able | to ex | press.

8 ¶ Sacrifice, and meat | offering, Thou | wouldest | not : | but mine | ears | hast Thou | opened.

2. Ordered; *i.e., strengthened.*

5. Go about with lies; better, *go aside* (from the right way), *falsely.*

6. Thy thoughts, &c.; *i.e.,* Thy good designs towards us. That ordereth; rather, *that could count them up.*

7. *i.e.,* if I should try to declare them, &c.

8. *i.e.,* Thou hast given me open ears—Thou hast made me to understand—or hast made me obedient. The meaning is uncertain; but there is no allusion whatever, as is commonly supposed, to the custom of piercing the ear of the slave. Ex. xxi. 6.

9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for | sin, hast Thou | not re | quired : | then | said I, | "Lo, I | come,

10 (In the volume of the book it is written of me,) that I should fulfil Thy | will, | O my | God : I am content to do it ; | yea, Thy | law is with | in my | heart."

11 I have declared Thy righteousness | in the | great congreg | ation : lo, I will not refrain my | lips, O | Lord, and | that Thou | knowest.

12 I have not hid Thy | righteousness with | in my | heart : my talk hath | been of Thy | truth, and of | Thy salv | ation.

13 I have not kept back Thy | loving | mercy and | truth :
dim | from the | great | congreg | ation.

14 Withdraw not Thou Thy | mercy from | me, O | Lord : let Thy loving- | kindness and Thy | truth | alway pre- | serve me.

p 15 For innumerable troubles are come about me ; my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not | able to | look | up : yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my | head, and my | heart hath | failed | me.

cres 16 ¶ O Lord, let it be Thy | pleasure to de | liver | me : | make | haste, O | Lord, to | help me.

17 Let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek | after my | soul to de | stroy it : let them be driven backward, and | put to re | buke, that | wish me | evil.

18 Let them be desolate, | and re | warded with | shame : that say unto me, | "Fie up | on thee, | fie up | on thee."

f 19 Let all those that seek Thee be | joyful and | glad in | Thee : and let such as love Thy salvation | say | alway, "The | Lord be | praised."

dim 20 As for | me, I am | poor and | needy : *cres* | but the | Lord | careth | for me.

21 Thou art my | helper | and Red | eemer : make | no long | tarrying, | O my | God.

9, 10. Behold, here I am—for so is it written for my guidance, in the Book of the Law—to fulfil Thy will, O my God, is my delight, yea, &c.

11. I will not; rather, I *would* not.

15. Christ calls our sins his own. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the Tree."

Evening Prayer.

Psalm XLI.

Comfort in sickness.

Single Chant. Croft in B minor. W. 52.

mf 1 Blessed is he that con | sidereth the | poor and | needy : the Lord shall de | liver | him in the | time of | trouble.

2 The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be | blessed up | on | earth : and deliver not Thou | him | into the | will of his | enemies.

cres 3 The Lord comfort him, when he lieth | sick up | on his | bed : | make Thou | all his | bed in his | sickness.

dim 4 ¶ I said, Lord, be | merciful | unto | me : heal my | soul, for | I have | sinned a | gainst Thee.

5 Mine | enemies speak | evil | of me : | "When shall he | die, and his | name | perish?"

6 And if he come to | see me, he | speaketh | vanity : and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself, and when he | cometh | forth he | telleth | it.

7 All mine enemies | whisper to | gether a | gainst me : even against | me do | they im | agine this | evil ;—

8 "Let the sentence of | guiltiness pro | ceed a | gainst him : and now that he | lieth, | let him rise | up no | more."

p 9 Yea, even mine own familiar | friend, | whom I | trusted : who did also eat of my | bread, hath | laid great | wait for | me.

cres 10 But be Thou merciful | unto | me, O | Lord : raise Thou me up a | gain, and | I shall re | ward | them.

11 By this I | know Thou | favourest | me : that mine | enemy | doth not | triumph a | gainst me.

f 12 And when I am in my health, | Thou up | holdest | me : and shalt | set me be | fore Thy | face for | ever.

3. Make Thou all his bed; not in our sense of making a bed for the sake of comfort, but rather of making afresh; *changing* the sick bed into a bed of health. 4. For instance, in my own case, I said, &c.

8. Let the evil thing which is upon him overwhelm him utterly, &c.

9. Prophetical of Judas and his treachery. Hath laid great wait for me; *rather*, hath lifted up his heel against me. S. John xiii. 18.

12. And as for me, in my singleness of heart, Thou hast upheld me, &c.

13 ¶ Blessed be the | Lord | God of | Israel : | world without | end. | A | men.

PSALM XLII.

Thirst after God. Written probably by one of the sons of Korah while accompanying David in his flight from Absalom.

Single Chant. Purcell in G. W. 5.

mp 1 Like as the | hart de | sireth the | waterbrooks : so | longeth my | soul after | Thee, O | God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, | even for the | living | God : when shall I come to ap | pear be | fore the | presence of | God?

dim 3 My tears have been my | meat | day and | night : while they daily | say unto me, | "Where is | now thy | God?"

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour | out my | heart by *cres* my | self : for I went with the multitude, and brought them | forth | into the | house of | God;

f 5 In the | voice of | praise and thanks | giving : a | mong | such as keep | Holy | day.

p 6 Why art thou so full of | heaviness, | O my | soul : and why art thou | so dis | quieted with | in | me?

f 7 | Put thy | trust in | God : for I will yet give Him | thanks for the | help of | His | countenance.

dim 8 ¶ My God, my | soul is | vexed with | in me : therefore will I remember Thee concerning the land of | Jordan, and the | little | hill of | Hermon.

f 9 One deep calleth another, be | cause of the | noise of the | water-pipes : all Thy | waves and | storms are gone | over | me.

cres 10 The Lord hath granted His loving | kindness | in the |

13. The Doxology and *Amen* mark the close of the First Book of the Psalms.

4. These things would I recollect, and pour out my soul in the recollection of them; how I went, &c. The Psalmist is lamenting his exile among the hills beyond Jordan, while fleeing from his persecutors.

8. *From* the land of Jordan, (to which he had fled). Little hill; *i.e.*, one of the lesser peaks.

9. *i.e.*, wave after wave roars at the voice of Thy waterfalls.

10. The Lord *will* command, or send, &c: and in the night His song shall be with me, (*i.e.*, to comfort me,) and *I will* make, &c.

day-time : and in the night-season did I sing of Him, and made my | prayer unto the | God of | my | life.

mf 11 I will say unto the God of my strength, "Why hast |
dim Thou for | gotten | me : why go I thus heavily, | while the | enemy op | presseth | me?"

12 My bones are smitten a | sunder | as with a | sword : while mine enemies that | trouble me | cast me | in the | teeth;

13 Namely, while they say | daily | unto | me : | "Where | ... is | now thy | God?"

p 14 Why art thou so | vexed, | O my | soul : and why art thou | so dis | quieted with | in | me?

f 15 O | put thy | trust in | God : for I will yet thank Him, Which is the | help of my | countenance, | and my | God.

PSALM XLIII.

Seeking for light.

Double Chant. Read in E flat. S. 260.

mf 1 Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause a | gainst the un | godly | people : O deliver me | from the de | ceitful and | wicked | man.

dim 2 For Thou art the God of my strength, | why hast Thou | put me | from Thee : and why go I so heavily, | while the | enemy op | presseth | me?

cres 3 O send out Thy light and Thy | truth, that | they may | lead me : and bring me unto Thy | holy | hill, | and to Thy | dwelling.

f 4 (And) that I may go unto the Altar of God, even unto the | God of my | joy and | gladness : and upon the harp will I give | thanks unto | Thee, O | God, my | God.

p 5 Why art thou so | heavy, | O my | soul : and why art thou | so dis | quieted with | in | me?

f 6 O | put thy | trust in | God : for I will yet give Him thanks, Which is the | help of my | countenance, | and my | God.

15. Not help, but *health*, or brightness.
4. *And* should be omitted. 6. *Health* of my countenance.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XLIV.

Judæa invaded by Sennacherib's army. A type of the Church forsaken by God.

Single Chant. Goss in A. W. 29.

f 1 We have heard with our ears, O | God, our | fathers have | told us : what | Thou hast | done in their | time of | old ;

2 How Thou hast driven out the heathen with Thy | hand, and | planted them | in : how Thou hast de | stroyed the | nations, and | cast them | out.

dim 3 For they gat not the land in pos | session through their | own | sword : neither was it their | own | arm that | helped | them ;

cres 4 But Thy right hand, and Thine | arm, and the | light of Thy | countenance : because | Thou hadst a | favour | unto | them.

f 5 | Thou art my | King, O | God : | send | help | unto | Jacob.

6 Through Thee will we | over | throw our | enemies : and in Thy Name will we tread them | under, that | rise | up a | gainst us.

7 For I | will not | trust in my | bow : it is | not my | sword that shall | help | me ;

ff 8 But it is Thou that | savest us | from our | enemies : and | puttest | them to con | fusion that | hate us.

9 We make our boast of | God | all day | long : | and will | praise Thy | Name for | ever.

Minor.

p 10 ¶ But now Thou art far off, and | puttest | us to con- | fusion : and | goest not | forth with | our | armies.

11 Thou makest us to turn our | backs up | on our | enemies : so that | they which | hate us | spoil our | goods.

1. What Thou hast done; better, what Thou *didst do ;* and so in the next verse.

2. Planted *them* in ; *i.e.*, our fathers. Not *cast* them out, but *spread* them out ; didst cause them (*i.e*, our fathers) to spread abroad. It is quite impossible, however, to give the correct accent in chanting either phrase.

12 Thou lettest us be | eaten | up like | sheep : and hast | scattered | us a | mong the | heathen.

13 Thou | sellest Thy | people for | naught : | and | takest no | money | for them.

pp 14 Thou makest us to be re | buked | of our | neighbours : to be laughed to scorn, and had in de | rision of | them that are | round a | bout us.

15 Thou makest us to be a | by-word a | mong the | heathen : and that the | people | shake their | heads at | us.

16 My con | fusion is | daily be | fore me : and the | shame of my | face hath | covered | me;

17 For the voice of the | slanderer | and blăs | phemer : | for the | enemy | and a | venger.

cres 18 ¶ And though all this be come upon us, | yet do we | not forget | Thee : nor be | have ourselves | frowardly | in Thy | covenant.

19 Our | heart is not | turned | back : | neither our | steps gone | out of Thy | way;

dim 20 No, not when Thou hast smitten us | into the | place of | dragons : and | covered us | with the | shadow of | death.

cres 21 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and holden up our | hands to | any strange | god : shall not God search it out? for He knoweth the | very | secrets | of the | heart.

dim 22 For Thy sake also are we | killed | all the day | long : and are counted as | sheep ap | pointed to | be | slain.

cres 23 ¶ Up, | Lord, why | sleepest | Thou : awake, and | be not | absent from | us for | ever.

dim 24 Wherefore | hidest | Thou Thy | face : and for | gettest our | misery | and | trouble?

25 For our soul is brought low, | even | unto the | dust : our | belly | cleaveth | unto the | ground.

cres 26 | A | rise, and | help us : and de | liver us | for Thy | mercy's | sake.

13. Takest no money; *i.e.*, art in no way richer for having sold them.
14. Rebuked; better, reproached. 17. Because of the voice, &c.
18. Frowardly; *i.e.*, falsely.
20.—Not of dragons, but *jackals; i.e.*, into the most dreary and desolate places.
21. If we *had* forgotten.....*would* not God, &c.
25. Our belly cleaveth, &c.; *i.e.*, we lie prostrate.

PSALM XLV.

A Marriage Song, applying literally to Solomon, and figuratively to Christ and His Bride, the Church.

Proper Psalm for Christmas-day. Double Chant. Randall in E. S. 129.

mf 1 My heart is in | diting of a | good | matter : I speak of the things which | I have | made | unto the | king.

2 | My | tongue is the | pen : | of a | read | ... y | writer.

cres 3 ¶ Thou art | fairer than the | children of | men : full of grace are thy lips, because | God hath | blessed | thee for | ever.

f 4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy | thigh, O | thou most | mighty : ac | cording to thy | worship | and re- | nown.

5 Good | luck have | thou with thine | honour : ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right | hand shall | teach thee | terrible | things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be sub- | dued | unto | thee : even in the | midst a | mong the | king's | enemies.

7 ¶ Thy seat, O | God, en | dureth for | ever : the sceptre of Thy | kingdom | is a | right | sceptre.

8 ¶ Thou hast loved | righteousness, and | hated in- | iquity : wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the | oil of | gladness a | bove thy | fellows.

9 All thy garments smell of | myrrh, | aloes, and | cassia : out of the ivory palaces, | where | by they have | made thee | glad.

1. Inditing of; *i.e.*, overflowing with. I speak of a work which I have done for a king.

3. *Therefore* God hath, &c.; *i.e.*, this is the *proof* that He has blessed thee.

4. According to thy worship; better, *with* thy worship, &c.

5. Not because of, but *on behalf* of; *i.e.*, in order to uphold truth and meekness, &c. Shall shew thee terrible things; *i.e.*, by the fearful havoc it will make among thy foes.

6. In the midst; *i.e.*, in the very heart of their army.

7. This verse is in parenthesis. Seat; *i.e.*, throne. A right sceptre; *i.e.*, a sceptre of uprightness. Heb. i. 8.

9. Not whereby, but whence, or *from which*. Out of the ivory palaces, *whence* all these gifts and spices come to gladden thee.

10 Kings' daughters were a | mong thy | honourable | women : upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, | wrought a | bout with | divers | colours.

mf 11 ¶ Hearken, O daughter, and con | sider, in | cline thine | ear : forget also thine own | people, | and thy | father's | house.

cres 12 So shall the King have | pleasure in | thy | beauty : for he is thy | Lord | God, and | worship thou | Him.

13 And the daughter of | Tyre shall be | there with a | gift : (like as) the rich also among the people shall make their | supplic | ation be | fore | thee.

14 The King's daughter is | all | glorious with | in : her | clothing | is of | wrought | gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the | king in | raiment of | needle-work : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, | and shall be | brought | unto | thee.

f 16 With joy and | gladness shall | they be | brought : and shall | enter | into the | king's | palace.

17 ¶ Instead of thy | fathers | thou shalt have | children : whom thou | mayest make | princes in | all | lands.

18 I will remember thy name from | one gener | ation to an | other : therefore shall the people give thanks unto | thee, | world with | out | end.

10. Spoken figuratively of Christ and His Bride, the Church, and of the nations crowding to seek admission into His Kingdom.

11. Ruth, herself an ancestor of David, is a type herein of the Church. See ch. ii. 11, 12.

12. More correctly, for he is thy *lord*, and do thou bow thyself down to him. It is Solomon to whom the words originally apply.

13. The daughter of Tyre; *i.e.*, all flourishing and important nations. The words *like as* may be omitted.

14. King's daughter; *i.e.*, probably, the daughter of Pharaoh, King of Egypt, whose marriage with Solomon is the event celebrated. She is glorious within; *i.e.*, in her palace; glorious not only in person and beauty, but in all her belongings and possessions.

15. In raiment; rather, *on tapestry; i.e.*, walking on a carpet of various colours.

17. A good exchange, children being necessarily more numerous than fathers. The promise is made to Solomon, who could boast no long line of royal ancestors, but who was to have an illustrious posterity.

18. Remember; rather, make it to be remembered, *make known*. Give thanks unto thee; rather, *sing thy praises;* this psalm being addressed in the first place to Solomon, though figuratively applied to Christ.

PSALM XLVI.

God's Presence in His Church.

Single Chant. Crotch in A. W. 113.

f 1 | God is our | hope and | strength : a | very | present | help in | trouble.

2 Therefore will we not | fear, though the | earth be | moved : and though the hills be | carried | into the | midst of the | sea.

3 Though the | waters thereof | rage and | swell : and *rall* though the | mountains | shake at the | tempest of the | same.

4 ¶ The rivers of the flood thereof shall make | glad the | city of | God : the holy place of the | tabernacle | of the | most | Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore | shall she | not be re | moved : | God shall | help her, and | that right | early.

dim 6 The heathen make much a | do, and the | kingdoms are | moved : *cres* but God hath shewed His | voice, and the | earth shall | melt a | way.

f 7 The | Lord of | hosts is | with us : the | God of | Jacob | is our | refuge.

8 ¶ O come hither, and be | hold the | works of the | Lord : what destruction | He hath | brought up | on the | earth.

dim 9 He maketh wars to | cease in | all the | world : He *cres* breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and | burneth the | chariots | in the | fire.

10 "Be still then, and | know that | I am | God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and | I will be | exalted | in the | earth."

ff 11 The | Lord of | hosts is | with us : the | God of | Jacob | is our | refuge.

4. A contrast to the raging of the waters is here introduced. There *is* a river whose streams *make glad* the city of God, &c.

5. Removed; better, *moved*, to contrast with *the kingdoms* in the next verse.

9. Knappeth; *i.e.*, cutteth—snappeth.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XLVII.

The Heathen Received into Covenant with God.

Proper Psalm for Ascension Day. Single Chant. Havergal in F. S. 91.

f 1 O clap your hands to | gether, | all ye | people : O | sing unto | God with the | voice of | melody.

2 For the Lord is | high, | and to be | feared : He is the | great | King upon | all the | earth.

3 He shall subdue the | people | under | us : | and the | nations | under our | feet.

4 He shall | choose out a | heritage | for us : even the | worship of | Jacob, | whom He | loved.

ff 5 ¶ God is gone | up with a | merry | noise : | and the | Lord with the | sound of the | trump.

6 O sing praises, sing | praises | unto our | God : O sing | praises, sing | praises | unto our | King.

7 For God is the | King of | all the | earth : | sing ye | praises with | under | standing.

8 God | reigneth | over the | heathen : God | sitteth up- | on His | holy | seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the | people of the | God of | Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth de | fend the | earth, as it | were with a | shield.

PSALM XLVIII.

The Church, secure in God's protection.

Proper Psalm for Whitsun-Day. Single Chant. Battishill in G. W. 181.

f 1 Great is the Lord, and | highly to | be | praised : in the city of our God, | even up | on His | holy | hill.

1. Melody; rather, *triumph*. 2. Upon; *i.e.*, over.
4. The worship of Jacob; rather, the *pride* of Jacob; *i.e.*, the Holy Land.
7. With understanding; *i.e.*, skilfully.
9 *i.e.*, the Gentiles are joined to the Jews under the dominion of God. The shield spoken of means the *princes* by whom God defends the earth.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the | joy of the | whole | earth : upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her | palaces | as a | sure | refuge.

mf 3 ¶ For | lo, the | kings of the | earth : are | gathered, and | gone | by to | gether.

4 They | marvelled to | see such | things : they were a- | stonished, and | suddenly | cast | down.

p 5 Fear came | there upon | them, and | sorrow : | as upon a | woman | in her | travail.

f 6 Thou shalt | break the | ships of the | sea: | through | ... the | east | wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, | in the | city of our | God : | God up- | holdeth the | same for | ever.

8 We wait for Thy | loving- | kindness, O | God : | in the | midst of | Thy | temple.

9 O God, according to Thy Name, so is Thy | praise unto the | world's | end : | Thy right | hand is | full of | right- eousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the | daughter of | Judah be | glad : | be | cause of | Thy | judgements.

cres 11 ¶ Walk about Sion, and | go | round a | bout her : | and | tell the | towers there | of.

12 Mark well her | bulwarks, set | up her | houses : that ye may | tell | them that | come | after.

ff 13 For this God is our | God for | ever and | ever : | He shall | be our | guide unto | death.

3. *Were* gathered, and *went* by; the meaning would seem to be that they meditated an attack, but were struck with sudden fear.

5. *There* in this verse is an adverb. There, in that very place, on a sudden.

5, 6. As upon a woman in her travail; or, as when the ships of the sea are broken, &c.

7. Upholdest the same; rather *will* establish it.

8. We have waited for; more correctly, we have *thought upon.*

10. *i.e.*, because of Thy judgments upon her enemies.

11. Tell; *i.e.*, count.

12. Set up one by one; *i.e.*, consider. Not houses, but *palaces.* Them that come after; *i.e.*, posterity.

PSALM XLIX.

The end of the righteous and the wicked.

Double Chant. Havergal in D. S. 71.

mp 1 O hear ye | this, | all ye | people : ponder it with your | ears, all | ye that | dwell in the | world ;

2 High and | low, | rich and | poor : | one | ... | with an | other.

3 My | mouth shall | speak of | wisdom : and my | heart shall | muse of | under | standing.

4 I will in | cline mine | ear to the | parable : and | shew my dark | speech up | on the | harp.

cres 5 ¶ Wherefore should I | fear in the | days of | wickedness : and when the wickedness of my | heels | compasseth me | round a | bout?

6 There be some that | put their | trust in their | goods : and boast them | selves in the | multitude of | their | riches.

dim 7 But no | man may de | liver his | brother : nor make a | greement | unto | God for | him ;

pp 8 (For it cost | more to red | eem their | souls : so that he must | let | that a | lone for | ever) ;

cres 9 | Yea, | though he live | long : | and | see | not the | grave.

dim 10 For he seeth that wise men also | die, and | perish to- | gether : as well as the ignorant and | foolish, and | leave their | riches for | other.

cres 11 And yet they think that their | houses shall con | tinue for | ever : and that their dwelling-places shall endure from

4. *i.e.*, I will listen for God's revelation, and then explain the mystery of it in a Psalm. The "mystery" is that of Redemption from the grave.

5. Of my heels; *i.e.*, the iniquity which lays traps for me, and tries to trip me up.

7. Deliver; *i.e.*, redeem. Make agreement; *i.e.*, give a ransom.

8. More; *i.e.*, far more than he can give. So that there is an end of the whole matter for ever.

9. *That he should* live long, &c., referring to verse 7. No man may give God a ransom for his brother, that he should, &c. Verse 8 is in parenthesis.

10. More correctly, for he *must* see it; wise men must die and perish, &c.

one generation to another; and call the | lands | after their | own | names.

dim 12 Nevertheless, | man will not a | bide, in | honour: seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that | perish. | This is the | way of | them,

13 | This is | their | foolishness: and | their post | erity | praise their | saying.

pp 14 They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them, and the righteous shall have domination | over them | in the | morning: their beauty shall con | sume in the | sepulchre | out of their | dwelling.

cres 15 ¶ But God hath delivered my | soul from the | place
f of | hell: | for | He shall re | ceive | me.

16 Be not not thou a | fraid, though | one be made | rich: or | if the | glory of his | house be in | creased;

dim 17 For he shall carry nothing a | way with him | when he | dieth: | neither shall his | pomp | follow | him.

cres 18 For while he lived, he counted him | self a | happy | man: and so long as thou doest well unto thy | self, | men will speak | good of | thee.

dim 19 He shall follow the gener | ation | of his | fathers: | and shall | never | see | light.

20 Man, being in | honour, hath | no under | standing: but is com | pared | unto the | beasts that | perish.

12. Even in honour, in spite of his apparent splendour. There should be a full stop at *perish*, and then a fresh sentence. This is their way—this is their foolishness, and their posterity approve of it, and do likewise.

14. Gnaweth; *i.e.*, feedeth upon them; but more correctly, *feedeth them*, as a shepherd does. The meaning is, At night they are folded like sheep into the pastures of the unseen world; Death is their shepherd; and in the morning of the Resurrection Christ and his Saints shall triumph over them. Their beauty shall consume away in the sepulchre, out of *its* dwelling; *i.e.*, till there be no place left for it—till it be all consumed.

15. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the unseen world. The contrast is thrown back upon verse 7. Brother cannot redeem brother; but God can redeem them both.

19. And shall never more see the light of life.

20. Man, however high in honour, if he have no understanding, is like unto the beasts that perish.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm L.

The Righteous Judge.

Single Chant. Tallis in F. W. 2.

mf 1 The Lord, even the most | mighty | God, hath | spoken : and called the world, from the rising up of the | sun, unto the | going | down there | of.

2 Out of | Sion hath | God ap | peared : | in | per | ... fect | beauty.

cres 3 Our God shall | come, and shall | not keep | silence : there shall go before Him a consuming fire, and a mighty | tempest shall be | stirred up | round a | bout Him.

f 4 He shall | call the | heaven from | above : and the | earth, that | He may | judge his | people.

5 Gather my saints to | gether | unto | me : those that have | made a | covenant with | me with | sacrifice.

ff 6 And the | heaven shall de | clare His | righteousness : | | for | God is | judge Him | self.

mf 7 ¶ Hear, O my | people, and | I will | speak : I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for | I am | God, | even thy | God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, | or for thy | burnt- | offerings : be | cause they | were not | alway be | fore me.

9 I will take no | bullock | out of thine | house : | nor | he-goat | out of thy | folds.

cres 10 For all the | beasts of the | forest are | mine : and so are the | cattle up | on a | thousand | hills.

11 I know all the | fowls up | on the | mountains : and the wild | beasts of the | field are | in my | sight.

f 12 If I be | hungry, I will | not tell | thee : for the whole world is | mine, and | all that | is there | in.

1. *i.e.*, hath called the *whole* world to judgment, from east to west.
2. Out of Sion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.
8. Because they were not; rather, *as if they had not been.* The meaning is, that they *have* always been regularly offered; but they were not the sacrifices which God required.
10. And so are the cattle by thousands on the hills.

13 Thinkest thou that | I will | eat bulls' | flesh : | and | drink the | blood of | goats ?

ff 14 Offer | unto | God thanks | giving : and pay thy | vows | unto the | most | Highest.

15 And call upon | me in the | time of | trouble : so will I | hear thee, and | thou shalt | praise | me.

Single Chant. Tallis in A minor. W. 89.

pp 16 ¶ But | unto the un | godly said | God : Why dost thou preach my laws, and | takest my | covenant | in thy | mouth ;

17 Whereas thou | hatest to | be re | formed : | and hast | cast my | words be | hind thee ?

18 When thou sawest a thief, thou con | sentedst | unto | him : and hast | been par | taker | with the ad | ulterers.

19 Thou hast | let thy | mouth speak | wickedness : and with thy | tongue thou hast | set | forth de | ceit.

20 Thou satest, and | spakest a | gainst thy | brother : yea, and hast | slandered thine | own | mother's | son.

p 21 These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue, and thou thoughtest wickedly, that I am | even such a | one as thy | self : but I will reprove thee, and set be | fore thee the | things that | thou hast | done.

cres 22 ¶ O consider this, | ye that for | get | God : lest I pluck you away, and | there be | none to de | liver | you.

f 23 Whoso offereth me thanks and | praise, he | honoureth | me : and to him that ordereth his conversation | right will | I | shew the salv | ation of | God.

PSALM LI.

The Penitent Sinner.

Proper Psalm for Ash-Wednesday. Single Chant. Monk in D minor. W. 137.

This Psalm was written by David after the murder of Uriah. 2 Sam. xi.

p 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, | after Thy | great | good-

18. Alluding to the 8th, 7th, and 9th Commandments—the very Law which the ungodly has been preaching.

21. Reprove ; this word, here and elsewhere in Scripture, is not used in our sense of mild correction, but rather in that of a severe convicting of sin—proving back a man's sins upon him by bringing him to judgment.

22. Pluck you to pieces ; tear you. 23. Conversation ; *i.e.*, behaviour.

ness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies | do a- | way | mine of | fences.

2 Wash me | throughly | from my | wickedness : | and | cleanse me | from my | sin.

pp 3 For | I ac | knowledge my | faults : | and my | sin is | ever be | fore me.

4 Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this | evil in | Thy | sight : that Thou mightest be justified in Thy | saying, and | clear when | Thou art | judged.

5 Be | hold, I was | shapen in | wickedness : and in | sin hath my | mother con | ceived | me.

6 But lo, Thou requirest | truth in the | inward | parts : and shalt make me to | under | stand | wisdom | secretly.

cres 7 Thou shalt purge me with | hyssop, and | I shall be | clean : Thou shalt | wash me, and | I shall be | whiter than | snow.

mf 8 Thou shalt make me | hear of | joy and | gladness : that the | bones which Thou hast | broken | may re | joice.

p 9 | Turn Thy | face from my | sins : | and put | out all | my mis | deeds.

10 Make me a | clean | heart, O | God : | and re | new a right | spirit with | in me.

pp 11 Cast me | not a | way from Thy | presence : and | take not Thy | Holy | Spirit | from me.

cres 12 O give me the | comfort of Thy | help a | gain : and | stablish me | with Thy | free | Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach Thy | ways | unto the | wicked : and sinners shall | be con | verted | unto | Thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that | art the | God of my | health : | and my | tongue shall | sing of Thy | righteousness.

major f 15 ¶ Thou shalt | open my | lips, O | Lord : | and my | mouth shall | shew Thy | praise.

dim 16 For Thou desirest no sacrifice, | else would I | give it | Thee : but Thou de | lightest | not in | burnt- | offerings.

4. Just in Thy sentence, and pure when Thou judgest.
6. Secretly ; *i.e.*, in the heart.
7. *Hyssop ;* some plant, now unknown, which was dipped in blood, and used for sprinkling the leper.
12. Free ; *i.e.*, willing, teachable, free to go where it should go.
14. Health ; *i.e.*, salvation.

p 17 The sacrifice of | God is a | troubled | spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O | God, | shalt Thou | not de | spise.

cres 18 O be favourable and | gracious | unto | Sion : | build | Thou the | walls of Je | rusalem.

19 Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt | offerings | and ob | lations : then shall they | offer young | bullocks up | on Thine | altar.

PSALM LII.

The False Tongue.

Double Chant. Barrow in G. W. 139.

mf 1 Why boastest | thou thy | self, thou | tyrant : | that | thou canst | do | mischief;

2 Where | as the | goodness of | God : | en | dureth | yet | daily?

3 Thy | tongue im | agineth | wickedness : and with | lies thou | cuttest like a | sharp | razor.

4 Thou hast loved un | righteousness | more than | goodness : and to | talk of | lies | more than | righteousness.

5 Thou hast loved to speak all | words that may | do | hurt : | O | ... thou | false | tongue.

6 Therefore shall | God de | stroy thee for | ever : He shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, and | root thee | out of the | land of the | living.

cres 7 The righteous | also shall | see this, and | fear : | and shall | laugh | him to | scorn;

dim 8 Lo, this is the man that | took not | God for his | strength : but trusted unto the multitude of his riches, | and strengthened him | self | in his | wickedness.

f 9 ¶ As for me, I am like a green olive-tree | in the | house of | God : my trust is in the tender | mercy of | God for | ever and | ever.

10 I will always give thanks unto | Thee for | that Thou hast | done : and I will hope in Thy | Name, for Thy | saints | like it | well.

19. Then; *i.e.*, after the return from captivity. These two verses were probably added to the Psalm at a later period.

1. *Tyrant;* perhaps Doeg the Edomite (1 Sam. xxii.) or Saul.

2. Endureth; *i.e.*, to thwart thy schemes.

4. And to *tell* lies. 10. Like it; *i.e.*, Thy Name.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm LIII.

Practical Infidelity.

Double Chant. Walmisley in C. S. 266.

mp 1 The foolish | body hath | said in his | heart : | There | is | no | God.

2 Corrupt are they, and become ab | ominable | in their | wickedness : | there is | none that | doeth | good.

cres 3 God looked down from | heaven upon the | children of | men : to see if there were any, that would | under | stand, and | seek after | God.

dim 4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are alto- | gether be | come ab | ominable : there is also | none that | doeth good, | no not | one.

5 Are not they without under | standing that | work | wickedness : eating up my people as if they would eat bread? they | have not | called up | on | God.

6 They were a | fraid where | no fear | was : for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee; thou hast put them to confusion, be | cause | God hath de | spised | them.

cres 7 ¶ Oh, that the salvation were given unto | Israel | out of | Sion : Oh, that the Lord would de | liver His | people | out of capt | ivity!

f 8 | Then should | Jacob re | joice : and | Israel | should be | right | glad.

Psalm LIV.

Distress and Deliverance.

Proper Psalm for Good Friday, Single Chant. Rimbault in F. S. 66.

p 1 Save me, O | God, for Thy | Name's | sake : | and a- | venge me | in Thy | strength.

2 | Hear my | prayer, O | God : and hearken | unto the | words of | my | mouth.

5. Rather, *are* they without understanding; *i.e.*, are they so utterly foolish as to do such things? Ps. xiv. 8.

3 For strangers are | risen | up a | gainst me : and tyrants, which have not God before their | eyes, | seek | after my | soul.

cres 4 ¶ Be | hold, | God is my | helper : the | Lord is with | them that up | hold my | soul.

5 He shall reward | evil | unto mine | enemies : | de | stroy Thou | them in Thy | truth.

f 6 An offering of a free heart will I give Thee, and | praise Thy | Name, O | Lord : | be | cause it is | so | comfortable.

7 For He hath delivered me | out of | all my | trouble : and mine eye hath | seen his de | sire up | on mine | enemies.

PSALM LV.

The Treacherous Friend.

Single Chant. Walkley in B flat. S. 235.

p 1 | Hear my | prayer, O | God : and | hide not Thy | self from | my pet | ition.

2 Take | heed unto | me, and | hear me : how I | mourn in my | prayer, | and am | vexed.

3 The enemy crieth so, and the un | godly cometh | on so | fast : for they are minded to do me some mischief; so ma | liciously | are they | set a | gainst me.

4 My | heart is dis | quieted with | in me : and the | fear of | death is | fallen up | on me.

5 Fearfulness and | trembling are | come up | on me : and a horrible | dread hath | over | whelmed | me.

cres 6 And I said, O that | I had | wings like a | dove : for then would I | flee a | way, and | be at | rest.

7 Lo, then would I | get me a | way far | off : | and re- | main | in the | wilderness.

8 I would | make | haste to e | scape : be | cause of the | stormy | wind and | tempest.

mf 9 ¶ Destroy their tongues, O | Lord, | and di | vide them : for I have spied un | righteousness and | strife | in the | city.

3. My soul; *i.e.*, my life. 6. With a free heart; *i.e.*, willingly.
7. Its desire. 8. Because of; rather, away from.
9. Better, *divide* their tongues, O Lord, and *destroy* them; *i.e.*, the people, alluding to the confusion of tongues at Babel.

10 Day and night they go a | bout within the | walls there | of : mischief also and | sorrow are | in the | midst of | it.

11 | Wickedness | is there | in : deceit and | guile | go not | out of their | streets.

dim 12 ¶ For it is not an open enemy, that hath | done me | this dis | honour : | for | then I | could have | borne it.

13 Neither was it mine adversary, that did | magnify him- | self a | gainst me : for then peradventure | I would have | hid my | self from | him.

p 14 But it was | even | thou, my com | panion : my | guide, and mine | own fa | miliar | friend.

15 We | took sweet | counsel to | gether : and | walked in the | house of | God as | friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go | down | quick into | hell : for wickedness is | in their | dwellings, | and a | mong them.

cres 17 ¶ As for | me, I will | call upon | God : | and the | Lord shall | save | me.

18 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I | pray, and | that | instantly : | and | He shall | hear my | voice.

19 It is He that hath delivered my soul in peace from the | battle that | was a | gainst me : | for | there were | many | with me.

f 20 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall | hear me, and | bring them | down : for they | will not | turn, nor | fear | God.

mp 21 ¶ He laid his hands upon | such as be at | peace with | him : | and he | brake | his | covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, | having | war in his | heart : his words were smoother than | oil, and | yet be they | very | swords.

12. Spoken historically of Ahithophel's treason against David, and prophetically of Judas.

16. Hastily; *i.e.*, suddenly. Quick; *i.e.*, alive, like Korah and his company. Hell; *i.e.*, the unseen world.

18. Instantly; *i.e.*, earnestly. 19. Many against me.

20. Bring them down; *i.e.*, humble them. Turn; *i.e.*, change.

cres 23 ¶ O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and | He shall | nourish | thee : and shall not | suffer the | righteous to | fall for | ever.

dim 24 | And | as for | them : Thou, O God, shalt | bring them | into the | pit of de | struction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not | live out | half their | days : *cres* nevertheless, my | trust shall | be in | Thee, O | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LVI.

Comfort in God's Word.

Single Chant. Farrant in F. W. 47.

p 1 Be merciful unto me, O God, for | man goeth a | bout to de | vour me : he is | daily | fighting, and | troubling | me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in | hand to | swallow me | up : for they be many that fight a | gainst me, | O Thou | most | Highest.

cres 3 Nevertheless, | though I am | sometime a | fraid : | yet put | I my | trust in | Thee.

f 4 I will praise | God, be | cause of His | word : I have put my trust in God, and will not | fear what | flesh can | do unto | me.

mp 5 ¶ They | daily mis | take my | words : all that they i | magine | is to | do me | evil.

6 They hold all to | gether, and | keep themselves | close : and mark my | steps, when they | lay | wait for my | soul.

cres 7 | Shall they e | scape for their | wickedness : Thou, O God, in | Thy dis | pleasure shalt | cast them | down.

dim 8 Thou tellest my flittings; put my | tears | into Thy | bottle : are not | these things | noted in | Thy | book.

23. Not *for ever*, but *ever*. He shall *not* suffer them to fall *ever; i.e.*, He shall *never* suffer them to fall. 24. Them; *i.e.*, the wicked.

1. Goeth about; *i.e.*, is wishing, is longing, to devour me.

2. In hand; *i.e.*, in readiness. The last clause should be, for they be many that fight against me *on high; i.e.*, proudly.

6. They gather themselves together, and keep themselves closely hidden.

8. Tellest my flittings; *i.e.*, countest up my wanderings. Into Thy bottle; as if they were like precious liquors, and worth preserving.

cres 9 Whensoever I call upon Thee, then shall mine | enemies be | put to | flight : this I | know; for | God is | on my | side.

f 10 ¶ In God's | word will | I re | joice : in the | Lord's | word will I | comfort | me.

11 Yea, in | God have I | put my | trust : I will not be a | fraid what | man can | do unto | me.

12 Unto Thee, O | God, will I | pay my | vows : | unto | Thee will I | give | thanks.

13 For Thou hast delivered my soul from | death, and my | feet from | falling : that I may walk before | God | in the | light of the | living.

Psalm LVII.

Written by David, after his escape from Saul in the Cave of Engedi.

Proper Psalm for Easter Day. Double Chant. Walmisley in B flat. S. 35.

p 1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my | soul | trusteth in | Thee : and under the shadow of Thy wings shall be my refuge, un | til this | tyranny be | over- | past.

2 I will | call unto the | most high | God : even unto the God that shall per | form the | cause which I | have in | hand.

cres 3 | He shall | send from | heaven : and save me from the re | proof of | him that would | eat me | up.

4 God shall send | forth His | mercy and | truth : | my | soul is a | mong | lions,

5 And I lie even among the children of | men, that are | set on | fire : whose teeth are spears and | arrows, and their | tongue a | sharp | sword.

f 6 Set up Thyself, O | God, a | bove the | heavens : | and Thy | glory above | all the | earth.

mp 7 ¶ They have laid a net for my feet, and | pressed | down my | soul : they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen | into the | midst of it | them | selves.

4. My soul; *i.e.*, my life. This sentence belongs properly to the next verse. 5. Set on fire; *i.e.*, burning with hatred.
7. Pressed down; *i.e.*, bowed down.—A prophecy of S. Matt. xxvi. 38.

f 8 My heart is fixed, O | God, my | heart is | fixed : | I will | sing, and | give | praise.

9 Awake. up, my glory; a | wake, | lute and | harp : | I my | self will a | wake right | early.

cres 10 I will give thanks unto Thee, O | Lord, a | mong the | people : and I will | sing unto | Thee a | mong the | nations.

11 For the greatness of Thy mercy | reacheth | unto the | heavens : | and Thy | truth | unto the | clouds.

ff 12 Set up Thyself, O | God, a | bove the | heavens : | and Thy | glory above | all the | earth.

PSALM LVIII.

The reward of the unjust judge.

Double Chant. Robinson in E flat. W. 31.

mf 1 Are your minds set upon righteousness, | O ye | congreg | ation : and do ye judge the thing that is | right, | O ye | sons of | men ?

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your | heart up | on the | earth : | and your | hands | deal with | wickedness.

3 The ungodly are froward, | even from their | mother's | womb : as soon as they are born, they | go a | stray, and | speak | lies.

4 They are as | venomous as the | poison of a | serpent : even | like the deaf | adder that | stoppeth her | ears ;

5 Which refuseth to | hear the | voice of the | charmer : | charm | ... he | never so | wisely.

cres 6 ¶ Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; smite the | jaw-bones of the | lions, O | Lord : let them fall away like water that runneth apace; and when they shoot their | arrows | let them be | rooted | out.

9. Literally, I will awake the early dawn; *i.e.*, will anticipate the morning. *My glory* means *my soul.*—A prophecy of S. Mark xvi. 2.

1. Congregation; *i.e.*, assembly of judges. 2. Yea, better *nay*.

3. Froward; *i.e.*, untoward, perverse.

5. Charmer; *i.e.*, one who tames the serpents by certain sounds.

6. *i.e.*, though they be as lions, yet smite their jaw-bones. Rooted out; rather, *cut off*, *i.e.*, having their points cut off.

dim 7 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the un | timely | fruit of a | woman : | and | let them not | see the | sun.

8 Or ever your | pots be made | hot with | thorns : so let indignation | vex him, | even as a | thing that is | raw.

cres 9 The righteous shall re | joice when he | seeth the | vengeance : he shall wash his | footsteps in the | blood of the | un | godly.

f 10 So that a man shall say, "Verily there | is a re | ward for the | righteous : doubtless there | is a | God that | judgeth the | earth."

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LIX.

The vengeance of God upon the malicious and wicked.

Single Chant. Monk in A. W. 173.

minor 1 Deliver me from mine | enemies, | O | God : defend me from | them that | rise | up a | gainst me.

p 2 O deliver me | from the | wicked | doers : and | save me | from the | blood-thirsty | men.

3 For lo, they lie | waiting | for my | soul : the mighty men are gathered against me, without any of | fence or | fault of | me, O | Lord.

4 They run and pre | pare themselves with | out my | fault : *cres* arise Thou | therefore to | help me, | and be- | hold.

f 5 Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, Thou God of Israel, to | visit | all the | heathen : and be not merciful unto them that of | fend | of ma | licious | wickedness.

7. Consume away; *i.e.*, melt away, or seem to melt away, like the snail, who appears to leave part of his body behind him in his trail. The sun; *i.e.*, the light of day.

8. With thorns, &c.; *i.e.*, as a party of travellers in the desert kindle a fire with thorns, and before their cauldron is hot, the whirlwind comes and sweeps all away; so shall God's wrath suddenly bring to naught the raw, incomplete designs of the wicked.

4. Without any provocation on my part. 5. Of; *i.e.*, out of.

mp 6 ¶ They go | to and | fro in the | evening : they grin like a dog, and | run a | bout | through the | city.

7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and | swords are | in their | lips : | for | who | doth | hear?

major cres 8 ¶ But Thou, O Lord, shalt | have them | in de | rision : and Thou shalt | laugh | all the | heathen to | scorn.

f 9 My strength will | I a | scribe unto | Thee : for | Thou art the | God of | my | refuge.

10 God | sheweth me His | goodness | plenteously : and God shall let me | see my de | sire up | on mine | enemies.

minor mp 11 Slay them not, | lest my | people for | get it : but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them | down, O | Lord, | our de | fence.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be | taken | in their | pride : and why? their | preaching | is of | cursing and | lies.

cres 13 Consume them in Thy wrath, con | sume them, that | they may | perish : and know that it is God that ruleth in | Jacob, and | unto the | ends of the | world.

mp 14 And in the | evening | they will re | turn : grin like a | dog, and will | go a | bout the | city.

15 They will run | here and | there for | meat : | and | grudge if they | be not | satisfied.

major cres 16 ¶ As for me, I will sing of Thy power, and will praise Thy | mercy be | times in the | morning : for Thou hast been my defence and | refuge | in the | day of my | trouble.

f 17 Unto Thee, | O my | strength, will I | sing : for Thou, O God, art my | refuge, | and my | merciful | God.

PSALM LX.

Lamentation and Triumph.

Havergal in E. S. 64.

p 1 O God, Thou hast cast us out, and | scattered | us a- | broad : Thou hast also been displeased; O | turn Thee | unto | us a | gain.

6. They prowl about in the evening: they howl like a dog, &c.
7. Speak; rather *grunt* or growl, for who (as they think) doth hear?
9. O my strength, I will wait for Thee. 12. Preaching; rather *prating*.
13. And know; rather, and *that men may* know.
14. Grin; better *howl*. 15. Grudge; *i.e.*, grumble.

cres 2 Thou hast moved the | land, and di | vided | it : | heal the | sores thereof, | for it | shaketh.

dim 3 Thou hast shewed Thy | people | heavy | things : Thou hast | given us a | drink of | deadly | wine.

cres 4 Thou hast given a | token for | such as | fear Thee : that | they may | triumph be | cause of the | truth.

5 Therefore were | Thy be | loved de | livered : | help me with | Thy right | hand, and | hear me.

f 6 ¶ God hath spoken in His holiness, I will re | joice, and di | vide | Sichem : and | mete | out the | valley of | Succoth.

cres 7 Gilead is | mine, and Ma | nasses is | mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my | head ; | Judah | is my | law-giver ;

ff 8 Moab is my wash-pot ; over Edom will | I cast | out my | shoe : Phi | listia, | be thou | glad of | me.

p 9 ¶ Who will lead me | into the | strong | city : | who will | bring me | into | Edom ?

10 Hast not Thou | cast us | out, O | God : wilt not Thou, O | God, go | out with | our | hosts ?

cres 11 O be | Thou our | help in | trouble : | for | vain is the | help of | man.

f 12 Through | God will we | do great | acts : for it is | He that shall | tread | down our | enemies.

2. Divided it ; *i.e.*, rent it asunder.

4. More correctly, Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that they may rally round it in the very teeth of the bow.

5. That Thy beloved may be delivered.

6. God hath promised by His holiness, that I shall divide, &c. It is David who is speaking. Divide ; *i.e.*, distribute. Mete out ; *i e.*, measure out. The places mentioned are intended to include the whole land of Canaan and the surrounding nations.

7, 8. Ephraim is my fortress ; in Judah is the seat of my government (*i.e.*, Jerusalem). Moab is the slave who shall wash my feet ; to Edom, as to my servant, I will fling my shoe.

9, 10. These verses merely express the alternation of fear and hope. See Psalm cviii. 11. The Psalmist stops short in his song of triumph, wondering for the moment whether God will really help him. The strong city, and Edom, may be taken to signify any fortified place.

10. Is it not Thou Who didst once for our sins reject us, but Who now, upon our repentance, wilt fight for us again ?

PSALM LXI.

Refuge in the sanctuary of God's House.

Double Chant. Brownsmith in F sharp minor. W. 18.

p 1 | Hear my | crying, O | God : | give | ear | unto my | prayer.

2 From the ends of the | earth will I | call upon | Thee : | when my | heart is | in | heaviness.

cres 3 O set me up upon the | rock that is | higher than | I : for Thou hast been my hope, and a strong | tower for | me a | gainst the | enemy.

4 I will dwell in Thy | tabernacle | for | ever : and my trust shall be | under the | covering of | Thy | wings.

5 For Thou, O | Lord, hast | heard my de | sires : and hast given a | heritage unto | those that | fear Thy | Name.

f 6 Thou shalt grant the | king a | long | life : that his years may en | dure through | out all | gener | ations.

7 He shall | dwell before | God for | ever : O prepare Thy loving mercy and | faithfulness, that | they may pre | serve | him.

cres 8 So will I alway sing | praise | unto Thy | Name : that | I may | daily per | form my | vows.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXII.

The Strength of God, and the Weakness of Men.

Double Chant. Goss in D. W. 75.

mf 1 My soul truly | waiteth | still upon | God : | for of | Him cometh | my salv | ation.

cres 2 He verily is my | strength and | my salv | ation : He is my defence, | so that I | shall not | greatly | fall.

dim 3 ¶ How long will ye imagine | mischief against | every |

2. From the ends of the earth ; *i.e.*, in my furthest banishment. David was taking refuge in the desert at the time of Absalom's rebellion.
3. *i.e.*, higher than I can reach.
5. And hast given me the heritage of those that fear Thy Name.
7. Prepare; *i.e.*, ordain, provide.
1. Still ; *i.e.*, in silence and resignation.

man : ye shall be slain all the sort of you ; yea, as a tottering wall shall ye | be, and | like a | broken | hedge.

4 Their device is only how to put him | out whom | God will ex | alt : their delight is in lies ; they give good | words with their | mouth, but | curse with their | heart.

cres 5 ¶ Nevertheless, my soul, | wait thou | still upon | God : | for my | hope is | in | Him.

6 He truly is my | strength and | my salv | ation : He is my de | fence, | so that I | shall not | fall.

f 7 In God is my | health, | and my | glory : the rock of my | might, and in | God is | my | trust.

8 O put your | trust in Him | alway, ye | people : pour out your hearts be | fore Him, for | God is | our | hope.

mp 9 ¶ As for the children of | men, they | are but | vanity : the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are alto | gether | lighter than | vanity it | self.

10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, | give not your | selves unto | vanity ; if riches in | crease, | set not your | heart up | on them.

f 11 God spake once, and twice I have | also | heard the | same : that | power be | longeth | unto | God ;

12 And that | Thou, | Lord, art | merciful : for Thou rewardest every | man ac | cording to | his | work.

Psalm LXIII.

A Morning Hymn.

Double Chant. Cooke in G. W. 78.

mf 1 O | God, Thou | art my | God : | early | will I | seek | Thee.

3. Against *a* man ; *i.e.*, against David. The true meaning is : How long will ye rush against a man, and try to break him down, like a tottering wall, or a broken hedge ?

4. Put him out ; rather, put him *down*. 5. *Still*, as in v. 1.

7. Health ; *i.e.*, salvation. The rock of my might, and my trust, are in God.

9. Are deceitful ; rather, are *proved deceitful when weighed*—are deficient in weight.

11. Once and twice ; *i.e.*, many times, over and over again.

12. Better, *and that mercy* (as well as power) *belongeth to Thee, O Lord*, mercy and power making up the true representation of God.

dim 2 My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh also | longeth | after | Thee : in a barren and dry | land | where no | water | is.

3 Thus have I | looked for | Thee in | holiness : that I | might be | hold Thy | power and | glory.

cres 4 For Thy loving-kindness is | better than the | life it- | self : | my | lips shall | praise | Thee.

f 5 As long as I live will I | magnify Thee | on this | manner : and | lift | up my | hands in Thy | Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it | were with | marrow and | fatness : when my mouth | praiseth | Thee with | joyful | lips.

mp 7 ¶ Have I not re | membered Thee | in my | bed : and | thought upon | Thee when | I was | waking?

cres 8 Be | cause Thou hast | been my | helper : therefore under the | shadow of Thy | wings will | I re | joice.

9 My soul | hangeth up | on | Thee : | Thy right | hand hath up | holden | me.

dim 10 These also that | seek the | hurt of my | soul : | they shall | go | under the | earth.

11 Let them | fall upon the | edge of the | sword : that | they may | be a | portion for | foxes.

cres 12 But the king shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by | him shall | be com | mended : for the mouth of | them that speak | lies | shall be | stopped.

PSALM LXIV.

The wicked his own destroyer.

Double Chant. Turle in E minor. W. 99.

p 1 Hear my voice, O | God, | in my | prayer : pre | serve my | life from | fear of the | enemy.

2 Hide me from the gathering to | gether | of the | froward : and from the | insur | rection of | wicked | doers.

3. In holiness, rather *in the sanctuary*, while worshipping. David, now in the desert, and away from God's House, is feeding upon the recollection of Services he has formerly offered there.

10. These also; better *but these*. Under the earth; *i.e.*, into the grave.

12. Speak lies; *i.e.*, are false to him—swear *against* him, instead of *by* him.

3 Who have | whet their | tongue like a | sword : and shoot out their | arrows, | even | bitter | words;

4 That they may privily | shoot at | him that is | perfect : suddenly | do they | hit him, and | fear | not.

5 They en | courage them | selves in | mischief : and commune among themselves how they may lay snares, and | say, that | no man shall | see | them.

6 They imagine | wickedness, and | practise | it : *pp* that they keep secret among themselves, | every man | in the | deep of his | heart.

major 7 ¶ But God shall suddenly shoot at | them with a | swift | arrow : | that | they | shall be | wounded.

8 Yea, their own | tongues shall | make them | fall : insomuch that | whoso | seeth them shall | laugh them to | scorn.

res 9 And all men that see it shall | say, | This hath God | done : for they shall per | ceive that | it is | His | work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and | put his | trust in | Him : and all | they that are | true of | heart shall be | glad.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm LXV.

A Thanksgiving for Harvest.

Double Chant. Turle in D. W. 36.

f 1 Thou, O | God, art | praised in | Sion : and unto Thee shall the | vow be per | formed | in Je | rusalem.

2 | Thou that | hearest the | prayer : | unto | Thee shall | all flesh | come.

lim 3 My mis | deeds pre | vail a | gainst me : | O be Thou | merciful | unto our | sins.

res 4 Blessed is the man, whom Thou | choosest, and re- | ceivest unto | Thee : he shall dwell in Thy court, and shall be

3. Whet; *i.e.*, sharpened.
7. *Them* is emphatic, referring back to verse 4.
9. This hath God done; *i.e.*, it was not mere chance that overthrew them. 3. *i.e.*, overwhelm me.

f 17 ¶ | But | God hath | heard me : | and con | sidered the | voice of my | prayer.

ff 18 Praised be God Who hath | not cast | out my | prayer : | nor | turned His | mercy | from me.

PSALM LXVII.

The whole world invited to sing the praise of God.

Single Chant. Richardson in F. S. 236.

mp 1 God be merciful | unto | us and | bless us : and shew us the light of His countenance, | and be | merciful | unto | us.

2 That Thy | way may be | known upon | earth : Thy | saving | health among | all | nations.

cres 3 Let the | people | praise Thee, O | God : | yea, let | all the | people | praise Thee.

4 O let the | nations re | joice and be | glad : for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and | govern the | nations up | on | earth.

f 5 Let the | people | praise Thee, O | God : | let | all the | people | praise Thee.

cres 6 Then shall the | earth bring | forth her | increase : and God, even our | own | God, shall | give us His | blessing.

ff 7 | God | shall | bless us : and | all the | ends of the | world shall | fear Him.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXVIII.

The triumphant entry of God into His sanctuary.

Proper Psalm for Whitsun Day.

Double Chant. Davy in E. W. 114.

f 1 Let God arise, and | let His | enemies be | scattered : let them | also that | hate Him | flee be | fore Him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, | so shalt Thou | drive them a | way : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the un | godly | perish at the | presence of | God.

3 But let the righteous be | glad and re | joice before | God : | let them | also be | merry and | joyful.

cres 4 O sing unto God, and sing | praises | unto His | Name : magnify Him that rideth upon the heavens (as it were upon a horse); praise Him in His Name | JAH, | and re | joice be | fore Him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless, and de | fendeth the | cause of the | widows : even | God in His | holy | habit- | ation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in a house, and bringeth the | prisoners | out of capt | ivity : but | letteth the | runagates con | tinue in | scarceness.

mf 7 ¶ O God, when Thou wentest | forth be | fore the | people : | when Thou | wentest | through the | wilderness,

cres 8 The earth shook, and the heavens | dropped at the | presence of | God : even (as) Sinai also was moved at the presence of | God, Who | is the | God of | Israel.

p 9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious | rain upon | Thine in | heritance : | and re | freshedst it | when it was | weary.

10 Thy congreg | ation shall | dwell there | in : for Thou, O God, hast of Thy | goodness pre | pared | for the | poor.

f 11 ¶ The | Lord | gave the | word : | great was the | company | of the | preachers.

12 Kings with their armies did | flee, and | were dis- | comfited : and | they of the | household di | vided the | spoil.

dim 13 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye | be as the | wings of a | dove : *cres* that is covered with | silver wings, | and her | feathers like | gold.

4. Make a highway for Him that rideth through the desert; v. 7. The words *as it were upon a horse* do not occur in the Hebrew.

6. Maketh men to be of one mind in a house; rather, maketh the solitary to dwell in a home; *i.e*, takes pity on the poor and fatherless. Runagates; better, the rebellious. 7. Before *Thy* people.

8. Even as Sinai, also; rather, *even Sinai itself.*

9. A gracious rain; alluding to the quails and manna.

10. Shall dwell; rather, *did* dwell.

11. Great was the company of women who published it; *i.e.*, the word, or song of victory, which the Lord inspired them to sing. The women are Miriam, Deborah, Jephthah's daughter, &c., who sang the triumphs of the victorious army.

12. They of the household; *i.e.*, the women who stayed at home. See Judges v. 30.

13. *i.e.*, Though ye have been in dirt and wretchedness, ye shall be bright and beautiful. But the verse probably means something quite

14 When the Almighty | scattered | kings for their | sake : then were | they as | white as | snow in | Salmon.

f 15 As the hill of | Basan, | so is God's | hill : even a | high hill, | as the | hill of | Basan.

16 Why hop ye so, ye high hills? this is God's hill, in the which it | pleaseth | Him to | dwell : yea, the | Lord will a | bide in | it for | ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, | even | thousands of | angels : and the Lord is among them, | as in the | holy | place of | Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and re | ceived | gifts for | men : yea, even for Thine enemies, that the | Lord | God might | dwell a | mong them.

Single Chant. Crotch in A. S. 99.

cres 19 ¶ | Praised be the | Lord | daily : even the God Who helpeth us, and | poureth His | benefits up | on | us.

20 He is our God, even the God of | Whom | cometh salv- | ation : God is the | Lord, by | Whom we e | scape | death.

21 God shall | wound the | head of His | enemies : and the hairy scalp of such a | one as | goeth on | still in his | wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people a | gain, as I | did from | Basan : mine own will I bring again, as I | did some | time from the | deep of the | sea.

different. As ye tarry among the sheepfolds, *i.e.*, in ease and quiet, ye shall ornament yourselves with doves' feathers, &c., which ye have taken as spoils in battle.

14. As white as snow; *i.e.*, then were they brightened up, as the dark mountain of Salmon would be by snow.

16. Rather, why are ye envious, ye (other) high hills?

17. Even thousands, &c., meaning that He is attended by thousands of angels as He rides in triumph. As *in;* rather, as *from; i.e.*, He has gone from Sinai back to heaven.

18. *i.e.*, Thou hast led captive a host of captives, and taken tribute from men; yea, even from the rebellious, that the Lord God might reign over *all.*

19. *Daily* belongs to the next sentence,—Who daily helpeth us.

21. The hairy scalp; meaning, that those even in the prime of youth and vigour, as Samson or Absalom (whose glory was in their long hair), shall be punished, if they do wickedly.

22. Rather, I will bring mine enemies again, from all places where they have fallen, from Basan or from the Red Sea, that my people may conquer them yet more completely, and have fresh triumphs.

23 That thy foot may be | dipped in the | blood of thine | enemies : and that the tongue of thy | dogs may be | red | through the | same.

mp 24 ¶ It is well seen, O | God, | how Thou | goest : how Thou, my God and | King, | goest | in the | sanctuary.

25 The singers go before, the | minstrels | follow | after : in the | midst are the | damsels | playing with the | timbrels ;

ff 26 "Give thanks, O Israel, unto God the | Lord in the | congreg | ations : | from the | ground | of the | heart."

mf 27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the | princes of | Judah their | council : the princes of Zab | ulon, | and the | princes of | Nephthali.

f 28 ¶ Thy God hath | sent forth | strength for | thee : stablish the thing, O | God, that | Thou hast | wrought in | us,

29 For Thy | temple's | sake at Je | rusalem : | so shall | kings bring | presents unto | Thee.

30 When the company of the spear-men, and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people, so that they | humbly bring | pieces of | silver : and when He hath | scattered the | people that de | light in | war ;

31 Then shall the | princes come | out of | Egypt : the Morians' land shall | soon stretch | out her | hands unto | God.

24. *Into* the sanctuary ; *i.e.*, when Thy victories are over, and Thou dost return in triumph.

26. This is the song of the singers.—From the ground of the heart; more correctly, *from your very fountain ; i.e.*, from Jacob downwards.

27. *Little* Benjamin, the smallest tribe; their *ruler*, because Saul, their first king, was a Benjamite. The princes of Judah their *council* (or *crowded company*) because it was the largest and most important tribe. The other two tribes spoken of, as taking part in the procession, are chosen because of the services they rendered in the war against Sisera. See Judges v. 18.

28. *In us ;* rather, *for us.*

29. For Thy temple's sake ; rather, *from* Thy temple. This sentence belongs to v. 28. Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us, by sending us blessings out of Thy temple. Up to Jerusalem shall kings bring presents to Thee. See S. Matt. ii. 11.

30. When the Egyptians, and mighty men, and proud rebellious people, are all subdued, so that they humbly pay tribute, and when he hath, &c., then the princes of Egypt and Ethiopia herself shall offer gifts to God. The 'company of the spearmen' is more correctly *the beast of the reed ; i.e.*, the hippopotamus, or crocodile, representing Egypt.

ff 32 ¶ Sing unto God, | O ye | kingdoms of the | earth: | O sing | praises | unto the | Lord,

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over | all | from the be- | ginning: lo, He doth send out His voice, | yea, and | that a | mighty | voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to | God | over | Israel: His | worship and | strength is | in the | clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art | Thou in Thy | holy | places: even the God of Israel; He will give strength and power unto His | people; | blessed | be | God.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXIX.

Rescue from the Depth of Misery.

Proper Psalm for Good Friday. Double Chant. Cooke in C minor. W. 177.

p 1 | Save me, | O | God: for the waters are come | in, | even | unto my | soul.

2 I stick fast in the deep | mire, | where no | ground is: I am come into deep waters, | so that the | floods run | over | me.

3 I am weary of | crying; my | throat is | dry: my sight faileth me for | waiting so | long up | on my | God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are | more than the | hairs of my | head: they that are mine enemies, and | would de | stroy me | guiltless, are | mighty.

5 I paid them the | things that I | never | took: God, Thou knowest my simpleness, | and my | faults are not | hid from | Thee.

cres 6 Let not them that trust in Thee, O Lord God of hosts, be a | shamed for | my | cause: let not those that seek Thee be confounded through | me, O | Lord | God of | Israel.

34. Ascribe ye the power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose strength is in the clouds.

35. It is He that giveth strength, &c.

1. Even unto my soul; *i.e.*, so as to threaten my life.

2. No ground; *i.e.*, no standing place.

6. For my cause; *i.e.*, because of me. Through me; *i.e.*, by seeing how I am rejected and despised. This is all throughout prophetical of Christ's sufferings.

dim 7 And why? for Thy | sake have I | suffered | reproof: | shame hath | covered | my | face.

8 I am become a | stranger | unto my | brethren : even an | alien | unto my | mother's | children.

9 For the zeal of Thine house hath | even | eaten | me : and the rebukes of them that re | buked | Thee are | fallen upon | me.

p 10 I wept, and | chastened my | self with | fasting : and | that was | turned to | my re | proof.

11 I | put on | sackcloth | also : | and they | jested up- | on | me.

12 They that sit in the | gate | speak a | gainst me : | and the | drunkards make | songs up | on me.

cres 13 ¶ But, Lord, I | make my | prayer unto | Thee : | in | an ac | ceptable | time.

14 Hear me, O God, in the | multitude of | Thy | mercy : | even in the | truth of | Thy salv | ation.

15 Take me out of the | mire, that | I | sink not : O let me be delivered from them that | hate me, and | out of the | deep | waters.

dim 16 Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the | deep | swallow me | up : and let not the | pit | shut her | mouth up | on me.

cres 17 Hear me, O Lord, for Thy | loving- | kindness is | comfortable : turn Thee unto me ac | cording to the | multitude of | Thy | mercies.

18 And hide not Thy face from Thy | servant, for | I am in | trouble : | O | haste Thee, | and | hear me.

dim 19 Draw | nigh unto my | soul, and | save it : O de | liver me, be | cause of | mine | enemies.

20 Thou hast known my reproof, my | shame, and | my dis | honour : mine | adversaries are | all in | Thy | sight.

p 21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; | I am | full of | heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither | found I | any to | comfort | me.

9. *i.e.*, my zeal for Thy house—my jealousy for Thine honour—hath consumed me. 12. In the gate; *i.e.*, everywhere in public.

21. Thy rebuke; *i.e.*, the rebuke of Thee. v. 9. The reproaches which men have cast at Thee have broken my heart.

pp rall 22 They | gave me | gall to | eat : and when I was | thirsty they | gave me | vinegar to | drink.

cres 23 Let their table be made a snare to | take them | selves with | al : and let the things that should have been for their wealth | be unto | them an oc | casion of | falling.

24 Let their eyes be | blinded, | that they | see not : and | ever | bow Thou | down their | backs.

f 25 Pour out Thine | indign | ation up | on them : and let Thy | wrathful dis | pleasure take | hold of | them.

mp 26 Let their | habit | ation be | void : and | no man to | dwell in | their | tents.

27 For they persecute | him whom | Thou hast | smitten : and they talk how they may | vex | them whom | Thou hast | wounded.

28 Let them fall from one | wickedness | to an | other : | and | not come | into Thy | righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped | out of the | book of the | living : and | not be | written | among the | righteous.

cres 30 As for me, when | I am | poor and in | heaviness : Thy | help, O | God, shall | lift me | up.

Single Chant. Battishill in E flat. W. 46.

f 31 ¶ I will praise the | Name of | God with a | song : | and | magnify it | with thanks | giving.

32 This | also shall | please the | Lord : better than a | bullock that | hath | horns and | hoofs.

33 The humble shall con | sider | this, and be | glad : seek ye after | God, | and your | soul shall | live.

34 For the | Lord | heareth the | poor : | and de | spiseth | not His | prisoners.

cres 35 Let | heaven and | earth | praise Him : the | sea, and | all that | moveth there | in.

23. Their table; *i.e.*, their feasting and abundant wealth. Wealth; *i.e.*, their general welfare and safety.

27. And they talk *so as* to vex them, &c.

28. Come into; *i.e.*, come into a share of—be partakers of.

29. The Book of Life.

32. This also; rather, and this. Than a bullock; *i.e.*, than the most costly burnt offering.

33. *Ye*, emphatic; meaning the humble.

34. His prisoners; *i.e.*, prisoners for his sake.

36 For God will save Sion, and | build the | cities of | Judah : that men may dwell | there, and | have it | in pos- | session.

37 The posterity also of His | servants shall in | herit | it : and they that | love His | Name shall | dwell there | in.

Psalm LXX.

Help in Trouble.

Double Chant. Lavington in F minor. S. 196.

p 1 Haste Thee, O | God, to de | liver | me : | make | haste to | help me, O | Lord.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that | seek | after my | soul : let them be turned backward and | put to con- | fusion that | wish me | evil.

3 Let them for their re | ward be soon | brought to | shame : that | cry | over me, | "There, | there."

cres 4 But let all those that seek Thee be | joyful and | glad in | Thee : and let all such as delight in Thy salv | ation say | alway, *f* "The | Lord be | praised."

dim 5 As for | me, I am | poor and in | misery : | haste Thee | unto me, | O | God.

cres 6 Thou art my | helper, and | my Red | eemer : | O | Lord, make | no long | tarrying.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm LXXI.

God's Providence in every Stage of Life.

Double Chant. Elvey in F. T. 102.

mf 1 In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me | never be | put to con | fusion : but rid me, and deliver me, in Thy righteousness; in | cline Thine | ear unto | me, and | save me.

2 Be Thou my strong hold, whereun | to I may | alway

36. Possession; the first syllable of this word should be pronounced short, as in *positive*, not long, as in *position*.

1. Never; rather, *not for ever*. Rid me; *i.e.*, rescue me.

re | sort : Thou hast promised to help me, for Thou art my | house of de | fence, | and my | castle.

dim 3 ¶ Deliver me, O my God, out of the | hand of the | un- | godly : out of the | hand of the un | righteous and | cruel | man.

cres 4 For Thou, O Lord God, | art the | thing that I | long for : Thou art my | hope, | even | from my | youth.

f 5 Through Thee have I been holden up | ever | since I was | born : Thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb ; | my | praise shall be | always of | Thee.

6 I am become as it were a | monster | unto | many : | but my | sure | trust is in | Thee.

ff 7 O let my | mouth be | filled with Thy | praise : that I may sing of Thy | glory and | honour | all the day | long.

dim 8 Cast me not a | way in the | time of | age : forsake me | not when my | strength | faileth | me.

p 9 For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay wait for my soul take their | counsel to | gether, | saying : "God hath forsaken him ; persecute him, and take him, for | there is | none to de | liver | him."

cres 10 Go not | far from me, | O | God : my | God, | haste | Thee to | help me.

11 Let them be confounded and | perish that are a | gainst my | soul : let them be covered with shame and dis | honour that | seek to | do me | evil.

f 12 ¶ As for me, I will | patiently a | bide | alway : | and will | praise Thee | more and | more.

13 My mouth shall daily speak of Thy | righteousness | and salv | ation : | for I | know no | end there | of.

14 I will go forth in the | strength of the | Lord | God : and will make | mention of | Thy | righteousness | only.

15 ¶ Thou, O God, hast taught me from my | youth | up until | now : | therefore will I | tell of Thy | wondrous | works.

6. A monster ; *i.e.*, a wonder—a pitiable object.
9. Persecute ; *i.e.*, pursue. 12. Will patiently abide ; *i.e.*, will hope.
13. Daily speak ; better, *speak all day long*.
14. Forth ; rather, *forward*. *Thy* is emphatic.
15. Therefore will I ; rather, *hitherto do I*.

dim 16 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, | when | I am gray | headed : until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy | power to all | them that are | yet for to | come.

f 17 Thy righteousness, O | God, is | very | high : and great things are they that Thou hast done; O | God, | who is | like unto | Thee?

p 18 O what great troubles and adversities hast Thou shewed me! *cres* and | yet didst Thou | turn and re | fresh me : yea, and broughtest me | from the | deep of the | earth a | gain.

f 19 Thou hast | brought me to | great | honour : and | comforted | me on | every | side.

20 Therefore will I praise Thee and Thy faithfulness, O God, | playing upon an | instrument of | musick : unto Thee will I sing upon the harp, | O Thou | Holy | One of | Israel.

ff 21 My lips will be | fain when I | sing unto | Thee : and so will my | soul whom | Thou | hast de | livered.

22 My tongue also shall talk of Thy | righteousness | all the day | long : for they are confounded and brought unto | shame that | seek to | do me | evil.

PSALM LXXII.

A Prayer for Solomon, and a Prophecy of the Kingdom of Christ.

Single Chant. Dupuis in B flat. W. 77.

ff 1 Give the | king Thy | judgements, O | God : and Thy | righteousness | unto the | king's | son.

mf 2 Then shall he judge Thy | people ac | cording unto | right : | and de | fend | ... the | poor.

3 The mountains | also shall | bring | peace : and the | little hills | righteousness, | unto the | people.

4 He shall keep the | simple folk | by their | right : defend the children of the | poor, and | punish the | wrong | doer.

16. *Until;* referring to *hitherto* in the verse before. He is not content to have declared the works of God so far. He wants to declare them also to this (next) generation, which was to follow.

21. *Fain;* an old word for *glad.*

1. The king; *i.e.*, Solomon, who was also a king's son.

3. The mountains and little hills; *i.e.*, the whole land.

4. By their right; *i.e.*, in possession of their right. He shall see justice done to them.

ff 5 ¶ They shall fear Thee, as long as the | sun and | moon
en | dureth : from | one gener | ation | to an | other.
mp 6 ¶ He shall come down like the | rain into a | fleece of |
wool : | even as the | drops that | water the | earth.
7 In his | time shall the | righteous | flourish : yea, and
abundance of | peace, so | long as the | moon en | dureth.
cres 8 His dominion shall be also from the | one | sea to the |
other : and from the | flood | unto the | world's | end.
9 They that dwell in the | wilderness shall | kneel be- |
fore him : | his | enemies shall | lick the | dust.
f 10 The kings of Tharsis and of the | isles shall | give |
presents : the kings of A | rabia and | Saba shall | bring |
gifts.
11 All | kings shall fall | down be | fore him : | all |
nations shall | do him | service.
dim 12 For he shall de | liver the | poor when he | crieth : the
needy | also, and | him that hath | no | helper.
13 He shall be favourable | to the | simple and | needy :
and | shall pre | serve the | souls of the | poor.
14 He shall deliver their | souls from | falsehood and |
wrong : and | dear shall their | blood be in | his | sight.
cres 15 He shall live, and unto him shall be | given of the |
f gold of A | rabia : prayer shall be made ever unto | him,
and | daily shall | he be | praised.
16 There shall be a heap of corn in the earth, | high
up | on the | hills : his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and
shall be green in the | city like | grass up | on the | earth.

5. This is the climax of their prosperity, that they shall fear God.
6. He; *i.e.*, the king, shall rule gently.
8. *Flood;* the river Euphrates, the eastern limit of Solomon's kingdom.
9. They that dwell in the wilderness; *i.e.*, the barbarous tribes.
10. Tharsis; *i.e.*, all important commercial sea ports. Saba is put for Ethiopia.
12. *For;* giving the reason why they shall all serve him.
13. The souls; *i.e.*, the lives.
14. *i.e.*, he will not have their blood shed without avenging it.
15. So *they* shall live, under his protection, and shall give him in return the most precious gifts. Prayer shall be made continually *for* him, and daily shall he be blessed. Solomon is spoken of throughout.
16. Rather, *it* shall be green in the city; *i.e.*, things shall go well in the city. The verse is meant to express universal prosperity. There shall be abundance of corn, growing on the very highest hills; the fruits

17 His name shall endure for ever; his name shall remain under the | sun a | mong the post | erities : which shall be blessed through | him; and | all the | heathen shall | praise him.

ff 18 ¶ Blessed be the Lord God, | even the | God of | Israel : which | only | doeth | wondrous | things;

19 And blessed be the | Name of His | Majesty for | ever : and all the earth shall be filled with His | Majesty. | Amen, | A | men.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm LXXIII.

The Fearful End of the Ungodly.

Single Chant. Macfarren in A. W. 176.

mf 1 Truly God is | loving | unto | Israel : even unto | such as | are of a | clean | heart.

dim 2 Nevertheless, my | feet were | almost | gone : | my | treadings had | well-nigh | slipt.

3 And why? I was | grieved | at the | wicked : I do also | see the un | godly in | such pro | sperity.

cres 4 For they are in | no | peril of | death : | but are | lusty | and | strong.

5 They come in no mis | fortune like | other | folk : | neither are they | plagued like | other | men.

mf 6 And this is the cause that | they are so | holden with | pride : | and | over | whelmed with | cruelty.

7 Their | eyes | swell with | fatness : and they | do | even | what they | lust.

8 They corrupt other, and speak of | wicked | blăsphemy : their | talking is a | gainst the | most | High.

of the earth shall shake for plenteousness, like cedars waving to and fro on Lebanon; and they of the city, *i.e.*, the commercial population, shall flourish in their prosperity, as the green grass flourishes in the field.

17. Shall remain under the sun; *i.e.*, as long as the sun shines above. Among the posterities; *i.e.*, to future generations. *Praise him;* rather, *call him blessed.*

19. The Doxology and *Amen* mark the end of the Second Book of the Psalms. 2. Nevertheless, though I knew how loving He was, &c.

6. Overwhelmed with; *i.e.*, overflowing with. See note on Psalm lxxiv. 21.

8. They are corrupt, and speak wicked blasphemy.

9 For they stretch forth their | mouth | unto the | heaven : | and their | tongue goeth | through the | world.

10 Therefore fall the | people | unto | them : and there- | out suck | they no | small ad | vantage.

11 Tush, say they, | how should | God per | ceive it : | is there | knowledge | in the most | High ?

12 ¶ Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have | riches | in pos | session : and I said, "Then have I cleansed my heart in | vain, and | washed mine | hands in | innocency.

13 All the day | long have | I been | punished : | and | chastened | every | morning."

14 Yea, and I had almost | said | even as | they : but lo, then I should have con | demned the gener | ation of | Thy | children.

p 15 ¶ Then thought | I to | understand | this : | but it was | too | hard for | me,

rall 16 Until I | went into the | sanctuary of | God : then under | stood I the | end of | these | men ;

17 Namely, how Thou dost | set them in | slippery | places : and | castest them | down, and de | stroyest | them.

pp 18 Oh, how | suddenly do | they con | sume : | perish, and | come to a | fearful | end !

19 Yea, even like as a | dream when | one a | waketh : so shalt Thou make their | image to | vanish | out of the | city.

cres 20 | Thus my | heart was | grieved : and it | went | even | through my | reins.

21 So | foolish was | I, and | ignorant : even as it | were a | beast be | fore | Thee.

f 22 ¶ Nevertheless, | I am | alway | by Thee : for Thou hast | holden me | by my | right | hand.

23 Thou shalt | guide me | with Thy | counsel : and | after | that re | ceive me with | glory.

9. Unto the heaven ; *i.e.*, they dare even to scoff at God.
10. The people are enticed away by them, and become their prey.
13. For, in spite of my uprightness, I have always been in trouble.
14. *i.e.*, I should have made as if the righteous were all in the wrong.
19. So in the awakening, O Lord (*i.e.*, at the last), Thou shalt despise their image—their mere pretence and unreality.
21. As it were a beast; *i.e.*, as one without reason.
23. Rather, *into glory ; i.e.*, to life everlasting.

24 Whom have | I in | heaven but | Thee : and there is none upon earth that I de | sire in com | parison | of | Thee.

p 25 My | flesh and my | heart | faileth : *f* but God is the strength of my | heart, | and my | portion for | ever.

dim 26 For lo, they that for | sake | Thee shall | perish : Thou hast destroyed all them that com | mit fornic | ation a | gainst | Thee.

cres 27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my | trust in the | Lord | God : *rall* and to speak of all Thy | works in the | gates of the | daughter of | Sion.

PSALM LXXIV.

The Church in Danger.

Double Chant. Lucas in A minor. S. 180.

p 1 O God, wherefore art Thou | absent from | us so | long : why is Thy wrath so | hot a | gainst the | sheep of Thy | pasture?

2 O | think upon Thy | congreg | ation : whom Thou hast | purchased, | and red | eemed of | old.

3 Think upon the | tribe of | Thine in | heritance : and mount | Sion, where | in | Thou hast | dwelt.

4 Lift up Thy feet, that Thou mayest utterly de | stroy | every | enemy : which hath | done | evil in | Thy | sanctuary.

cres 5 Thine adversaries roar in the | midst of Thy | congreg- | ations : and | set up | their | banners for | tokens.

f 6 He that hewed timber afore | out of the | thick | trees : was | known to | bring it to an | excellent | work.

p 7 But now they break down all the | carved | work there- | of : | with | axes | and | hammers.

8 They have set | fire upon Thy | holy | places : and have

26. Commit fornication; *i.e.*, are unfaithful members of Thy Bride, the Church.

27. In the gates, &c.; *i.e.*, openly in Jerusalem.

6, 7. The same persons, namely the invaders, are spoken of in both these verses. Whereas they formerly used their axes for some good purpose, in the woods; now they use them for the worst of all purposes, to destroy the house of God.

8. The destruction of the Temple by the Chaldees, to which this Psalm refers, took place about 600 years B.C., and is described in 2 Kings xxv.

defiled the dwelling-place of Thy | Name, | even | unto the | ground.

9 Yea, they said in their hearts, "Let us make | havock of them | alto | gether" : thus have they burnt up all the | houses of | God | in the | land.

10 We see not our tokens, there | is not | one prophet | more : no, not one is there among us, that | under | standeth | any | more.

cres 11 O God, how long shall the | adversary | do this dis- | honour : how long shall the | enemy blăs | pheme Thy | Name, for | ever?

12 Why with | drawest | Thou Thy | hand : why pluckest Thou not Thy right hand out of Thy | bosom | to con- | sume the | enemy?

major f 13 ¶ For | God is my | King of | old : the help that is done upon | earth He | doeth it | Him | self.

14 Thou didst di | vide the | sea through Thy | power : Thou brakest the | heads of the | dragons | in the | waters.

15 Thou smotest the | heads of Le | viathan in | pieces : and gavest him to be | meat for the | people | in the | wilderness.

cres 16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters | out of the | hard | rocks : | Thou | driedst up | mighty | waters.

ff 17 The day is | Thine, and the | night is | Thine : | Thou hast pre | pared the | light and the | sun.

18 Thou hast set | all the | borders of the | earth : | Thou hast | made | summer and | winter.

minor p 19 ¶ Remember this, O Lord, how the | enemy | hăth re | buked : and how the foolish | people | hăth blăs- | phemed Thy | Name.

20 O deliver not the soul of Thy turtle-dove unto the |

9. In these days, there was only one House of God; *i.e.*, the Temple; so that the houses here spoken of must mean the houses of God's people. See 2 Kings xxv. 9.

10. Tokens; *i.e.*, the accustomed signs of deliverance.

14. The allusion here is to Pharaoh and the Egyptians in the Red Sea.

15. The people in the wilderness—not the Israelites, but the wild Arab tribes, who plundered the bodies cast upon the shores of the Red Sea after the overthrow. 18. Set the borders; *i.e.*, fixed the boundaries.

20. Turtle-dove; a symbol of the innocence and helplessness of God's people.

multitude | of the | enemies : and forget not the | congreg- | ation of the | poor for | ever.

21 | Look up | on the | covenant : for all the earth is full of | darkness, and | cruel | habit | ations.

cres 22 O let not the simple | go a | way a | shamed : but let the poor and | needy give | praise | unto Thy | Name.

f 23 Arise, O God, main | tain Thine | own | cause : remember how the | foolish | man blăs | phemeth Thee | daily.

24 For | get not the | voice of Thine | enemies : the presumption of them that hate Thee in | creaseth | ever | more and | more.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm LXXV.

God, the Judge and Disposer of all things.

Double Chant. Attwood in D. W. 111.

f 1 Unto Thee, O | God, do | we give | thanks : | yea, unto | Thee do we | give | thanks.

2 Thy | Name also | is so | nigh : and | that do Thy | wondrous | works de | clare.

ff 3 ¶ "When I re | ceive the | congreg | ation : I shall | judge ac | cording | unto | right.

4 The earth is weak, and | all the in | habiters there | of : | I bear | up the | pillars | of it."

mf 5 ¶ I said unto the | fools, | "Deal not so | madly" : and to the un | godly, | "Set not | up your | horn.

6 Set not | up your | horn on | high : and | speak not | with a | stiff | neck."

7 For promotion cometh neither from the | east, | nor from the | west : | nor | yet | from the | south.

21. Remember Thy covenant. *Cru-el;* this word is often pronounced, thoughtlessly and with the worst possible effect, *cru-ul*, or (as one syllable) *crool.* 22. Ashamed; *i.e.*, because their prayer is not heard.

3. This is God's reply to the address of His servants. "When I hold the solemn assembly, I shall judge according unto right. The earth is weak, &c., but I am strong, Who bear up its foundations." In the 5th and following verses, the Psalmist is speaking.

7. From the South; rather, from the *desert.* Palestine was bounded by the Desert on the North and South, so that all four quarters are here included.

cres 8 And | why? | God is the | Judge : He putteth down | one, and | setteth | up an | other.

f 9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a | cup, and the | wine is | red : it is full mixed, | and He | poureth | out of the | same.

p 10 | As for the | dregs there | of : all the ungodly of the | earth shall | drink them, and | suck them | out.

f 11 But I will | talk of the | God of | Jacob : | and | praise | Him for | ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly | also | will I | break : and the | horns of the | righteous shall | be ex | alted.

PSALM LXXVI.

The terror of God's Judgments, in the overthrow of Sennacherib's army.

Double Chant. Turle in G. W. 171.

f 1 In | Jewry is | God | known : | His | Name is | great in | Israel.

2 At | Salem | is His | tabernacle : | and His | dwelling | in | Sion.

3 There | brake He the | arrows of the | bow : | the | shield, the | sword, and the | battle.

4 Thou art of | more | honour and | might : | than the | hills | of the | robbers.

5 The proud are robbed, | they have | slept their | sleep : and all the men whose | hands were | mighty have | found | nothing.

6 At Thy re | buke, O | God of | Jacob : | both the | chariot and | horse are | fallen.

dim 7 Thou, even | Thou | art to be | feared : and who may | stand in Thy | sight when | Thou art | angry?

8 Thou didst cause Thy | judgement to be | heard from | heaven : *p* the | earth | trembled, | and was | still,

9. Full mixed; *i.e.*, of full strength. God is represented as dispensing to every man his portion.

4. Than the very highest; the chief captains of the robbers who invaded Jerusalem for plunder.

5. They have slept their sleep; *i.e.*, the sleep of death. Compare 2 Kings xix. 35; "And when they arose early in the morning behold they were all dead corpses."

cres 9 When | God a | rose to | judgement : and to | help | all the | meek upon | earth.

f 10 The fierceness of | man shall | turn to Thy | praise : and the | fierceness of | them shalt | Thou re | frain.

p 11 ¶ Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all | ye that are | round a | bout Him : bring | presents unto | Him that | ought to be | feared.

12 He shall re | frain the | spirit of | princes : and is | wonderful a | mong the | kings of the | earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

The Wonderful Works of God.

Double Chant. Attwood in E minor. W. 138.

mp 1 I will | cry unto | God with my | voice : even unto God will I cry with my voice, and | He shall | hearken | unto | me.

2 In the time of my | trouble I | sought the | Lord : my sore ran, and ceased not in the night | season; my | soul re | fused | comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness, | I will | think upon | God : when my | heart is | vexed, I | will com | plain.

4 Thou | holdest mine | eyes | waking : I am so | feeble, | that I | cannot | speak.

cres 5 I have con | sidered the | days of | old : | and the | years that | are | past.

6 I | call to re | membrance my | song : and in the night I commune with mine own | heart, and | search | out my | spirits.

p 7 Will the Lord ab | sent Him | self for | ever : and | will He be | no | more in | treated?

8 Is His | mercy clean | gone for | ever : and is His promise come | utterly to an | end for | ever | more?

10. The obstinate rebellion of man shall give God an occasion to shew forth the full majesty of His anger.

11. This is the moral of the story, that those round about God, *i.e.*, in covenant with Him, are to take warning from the fate of Sennacherib's army, and perform the solemn vows which they have made.

4. Thou keepest mine eyes ever on the watch. I have no sleep for watching. 6. My spirits; *i.e.*, my inmost soul.

9 Hath God for | gotten to | be | gracious : and will He shut up His | loving | kindness | in dis | pleasure?

10 And I | said, It is mine | own in | firmity : (but I will remember) the years of the | right | hand of the | most | Highest.

cres 11 I will re | member the | works of the | Lord : and call to | mind Thy | wonders of | old | time.

12 I will think | also of | all Thy | works : and my | talking shall | be of | Thy | doings.

major f 13 ¶ Thy | way, O | God, is | holy : who is so | great a | God as | our | God?

14 Thou art the | God that | doeth | wonders : and hast de | clared Thy | power a | mong the | people.

15 Thou hast | mightily de | livered Thy | people : | even the | sons of | Jacob and | Joseph.

ff 16 The waters saw Thee, O God, the waters | saw Thee, | and were a | fraid : | the | depths | also were | troubled.

17 The clouds poured out | water, the | air | thundered : and | Thine | arrows | went a | broad.

cres 18 The voice of Thy thunder was | heard | round a | bout : the lightnings shone upon the ground; the | earth was | moved, and | shook with | al.

dim 19 Thy way is in the sea, and Thy | paths in the | great | waters : and | Thy | footsteps | are not | known.

p 20 Thou | leddest Thy | people like | sheep : | by the | hand of | Moses and | Aaron.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm LXXVIII.

The Israelites in the Wilderness.

Double Chant. Hopkins in G. S. 50.

mf 1 Hear my | law, | O my | people : incline your | ears unto the | words of | my | mouth.

10. And I said, this is my sorrow, that the right hand of the most Highest is against me. *The years* is a mis-translation, and the words *but I will remember* should have been omitted.

16. Alluding to the passage of the Red Sea.

2 I will | open my | mouth in a | parable : | I will de | clare hard | sentences of | old ;

3 Which | we have | heard and | known : | and | such as our | fathers have | told us ;

4 That we should not hide them from the children of the |
f gener | ations to | come : but to shew the honour of the Lord, His mighty and | wonderful | works that | He hath | done.

mf 5 ¶ He made a covenant with Jacob, and | gave | Israel a | law : which He commanded | our fore | fathers to | teach their | children ;

6 That | their post | erity might | know it : and the | children | which were | yet un | born.

7 To the in | tent that when | they came | up : | they might | shew their | children the | same ;

8 That they might | put their | trust in | God : and not to forget the works of God, | but to | keep | His com | mandments ;

mp 9 And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and | stubborn | gener | ation : a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit | cleaveth not | steadfastly | unto | God ;

10 | Like as the | children of | Ephraim : who being harnessed, and carrying bows, | turned themselves | back in the | day of | battle.

11 They | kept not the | covenant of | God : | and | would not | walk in His | law.

12 But for | gat what | He had | done : and the wonderful | works that | He had | shewed | for them.

f 13 ¶ Marvellous things did He in the sight of our forefathers, | in the | land of | Egypt : | even | in the | field of | Zoan.

14 He divided the | sea, and | let them go | through : He | made the | waters to | stand on a | heap.

2. Hard; *i.e.*, deep and wise.

10. Ephraim is here put for the whole of Israel, who, though well-armed, were sometimes smitten before their enemies, because they went up to battle in disobedience to God's commands. Josh. vii. 5. 1 Sam. iv. 2.

13. Zoan was an important city of Egypt.

15 In the day-time also He | led them | with a | cloud : and | all the night | through with a | light of | fire.

16 He | clave the hard | rocks in the | wilderness : and gave them drink thereof, as it had | been | out of the | great | depth.

17 He brought waters | out of the | stony | rock : | so that it | gushed out | like the | rivers.

dim 18 Yet for all this they | sinned | more a | gainst Him : and provoked the | most | Highest | in the | wilderness.

19 They tempted | God | in their | hearts : | and re- | quired | meat for their | lust.

20 They spake against | God | also, | saying : "Shall God pre | pare a | table | in the | wilderness?

cres 21 He smote the stony rock indeed, that the water gushed out, and the | streams | flowed with | al : but can He give bread also, | or pro | vide | flesh for His | people?"

f 22 ¶ When the Lord heard | this, | He was | wroth : so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up | heavy dis | pleasure a | gainst | Israel;

23 Because they be | lieved | not in | God : and | put not their | trust in | His | help.

24 So He com | manded the | clouds a | bove : | and | opened the | doors of | heaven.

25 He rained down manna also up | on them | for to | eat : | and | gave them | food from | heaven.

26 So | man did eat | angels' | food : | for He | sent them | meat e | nough.

27 He caused the east-wind to | blow | under | heaven : and through His power He | brought | in the | south-west | wind.

28 He rained flesh up | on them as | thick as | dust : and feathered | fowls | like as the | sand of the | sea.

19. And required food, not to appease their hunger, but to indulge their greediness.

21. So many professing Christians, who are glad enough to accept all the privileges of their *Baptism*, nevertheless practically deny, by their habitual neglect of it, the benefits of *Holy Communion*.

24. *Though* He had commanded, &c. They would not trust Him, in spite of His miracles.

29 He let it | fall a | mong their | tents : even | round a | bout their | habit | ation.

30 So they did eat, and were well filled; for He | gave them their | own de | sire : they were | not disap | pointed | of their | lust.

Double Chant. Turle in D. S. 81.

p 31 ¶ But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and | slew the | wealthiest | of them : yea, and smote down the | chosen | men that | were in | Israel.

32 But for all | this they | sinned yet | more : and be- | lieved | not His | wondrous | works.

33 Therefore their | days did He con | sume in | vanity : | and their | years | in | trouble.

cres 34 | When He | slew them, they | sought Him : and turned them | early, and | enquired | after | God.

35 And they re | membered that | God was their | strength : and that the | high | God was | their Red | eemer.

36 Nevertheless, they did but | flatter Him | with their | mouth : and dis | sembled | with Him | in their | tongue.

37 For their | heart was not | whole with | Him : neither con | tinued they | stedfast | in His | covenant.

f 38 But He was so merciful, that | He for | gave their mis- | deeds : | and de | stroyed | them | not.

39 Yea, many a time | turned He His | wrath a | way : and would not suffer His | whole dis | pleasure | to a | rise.

dim 40 For He con | sidered that they | were but | flesh : *p* and that they were even a wind that passeth a | way, and | cometh | not a | gain.

mf 41 ¶ Many a time did they pro | voke Him | in the | wilderness : | and | grieved Him | in the | desert.

42 They turned | back, and | tempted | God : and | moved the | Holy | One in | Israel.

31. Wealthiest; *i.e.*, those in the prime of life and strength. Chosen; *i.e.*, choice—the best of their youths.

33. In vanity; *i.e.*, in vain marchings to and fro, without getting any nearer to the land of promise.

34. Early; *i.e.*, readily.

42. They turned back to their old sins. Moved; *i.e.*, irritated.

43 They | thought not | of His | hand ; and of the day when He de | livered them | from the | hand of the | enemy;

44 How He had | wrought His | miracles in | Egypt: and His | wonders | in the | field of | Zoan.

f 45 He turned their | waters | into | blood : | so that they | might not | drink of the | rivers.

46 He sent lice among them, | and de | voured them | up : | and | frogs | to de | stroy them.

47 He gave their | fruit | unto the | caterpillar : | and their | labour | unto the | grasshopper.

48 He de | stroyed their | vines with | hail-stones : | and their | mulberry-trees | with the | frost.

cres 49 He smote their | cattle | also with | hail-stones : | and their | flocks with | hot | thunder-bolts.

50 He cast upon them the furiousness of His wrath, | anger, dis | pleasure, and | trouble : and | sent | evil | angels a | mong them.

ff 51 He made a way to His indignation, and | spared not their | soul from | death : but gave their | life | over | to the | pestilence;

52 And smote | all the | first-born in | Egypt : the most principal and | mightiest | in the | dwellings of | Ham.

Single Chant. Kelway in A. S. 48.

mp 53 ¶ But as for His own people, He | led them | forth like | sheep : and carried them | in the | wilderness | like a | flock.

54 He brought them out | safely, that they | should not | fear : and over | whelmed their | enemies | with the | sea.

cres 55 And brought them with | in the | borders of His | sanctuary : even to His mountain which He | purchased | with His | right | hand.

45. Might not; *i.e.*, could not.

47. Grasshopper; rather, locust.

48. Mulberry-trees; rather, sycamores—the most important tree in the East.

50. Evil angels; *i.e.*, not devils, but ministers of evil, angels to execute His wrath upon them.

51. He made a way; *i e.*, let it have full scope—did not check it.

55. The borders of His sanctuary; *i.e.*, His holy land, where His temple was to be built.

f 56 He cast out the | heathen | also be | fore them : caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the | tribes of | Israel to | dwell in their | tents.

dim 57 ¶ So they tempted, and dis | pleased the | most high | God : | and | kept not | His | testimonies ;

58 But turned their backs, and fell away | like their | fore | fathers : | starting a | side like a | broken | bow.

59 For they | grieved Him with | their hill- | altars : and pro | voked Him to dis | pleasure | with their | images.

f 60 When God heard | this, | He was | wroth : and | took | sore dis | pleasure at | Israel.

p 61 So that He forsook the | tabernacle | in | Silo : even the | tent that He had | pitched a | mong | men.

62 He delivered their | power | into capt | ivity : and their | beauty | into the | enemy's | hand.

63 He gave His people over | also | unto the | sword : | and was | wroth with | His in | heritance.

dim 64 The fire con | sumed their | young | men : and their | maidens | were not | given to | marriage.

pp 65 Their | priests were | slain with the | sword : and there were | no | widows to | make lament | ation.

ff 66 ¶ So the Lord a | waked as | one out of | sleep : and | like a | giant re | freshed with | wine.

67 He smote His | enemies in the | hinder | parts : and | put them | to a per | petual | shame.

68 He refused the | tabernacle | of | Joseph : | and | chose not the | tribe of | Ephraim ;

69 But | chose the | tribe of | Judah : even the | hill of | Sion | which He | loved.

70 And there He | built His | temple on | high : and laid the foundation of it like the | ground which | He hath | made con | tinually.

57. *Yet* they went on tempting, &c.

58 A bow which will not carry straight, because it is untrue and out of order.

61 He permitted the Ark, the token of His presence, and the people's power and beauty, to be captured by the Philistines.

64. The fire; *i e.*, the flames of war. 65. See 1 Sam. iv. 11.

68. He transferred the Ark from Shiloh, in the tribe of Ephraim, to Mount Sion, in the tribe of Judah. 1 Chron. xv. xvi.

70. Which He hath made *to continue; i.e.*, to remain in one place, instead of being shifted about as the ark had been.

mf 71 ¶ He chose | David | also His | servant : and | took him a | way | from the | sheep-folds.

72 As he was following the ewes | great with | young ones He | took him : *cres* that he might feed Jacob His | people, and | Israel | His in | heritance.

73 So he fed them with a | faithful and | true | heart : and | ruled them | prudently with | all his | power.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXIX.

Jerusalem besieged by the Chaldees, a type of the Church in contempt.

Double Chant. Elvey in F. S. 250.

p 1 O God, the heathen are | come into | Thine in | heritance : Thy holy temple have they defiled, and | made Je- | rusalem a | heap of | stones.

2 The dead bodies of Thy servants have they given to be | meat unto the | fowls of the | air : and the flesh of Thy | saints | unto the | beasts of the | land.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on | every | side of Je | rusalem : and | there was | no man to | bury | them.

4 We are become an | open | shame to our | enemies : a very scorn and de | rision unto | them that are | round a- | bout us.

cres 5 Lord, how | long wilt | Thou be | angry : shall Thy | jealousy | burn like | fire for | ever ?

f 6 Pour out Thine indignation upon the | heathen that | have not | known Thee : and upon the kingdoms that | have not | called upon | Thy | Name.

dim 7 For | they have de | voured | Jacob : | and | laid | waste his | dwelling-place.

71. Among the sheep-folds he had been, like the Ark, a wanderer : now he was to have a firmly established Throne ; that God might appoint not only a fixed dwelling place for His Name, but a king to maintain its honour.

72. That he might be a shepherd, in a higher sense, to God's people.

73. So he ; *i.e.*, David.

6. That have not known Thee ; rather, that will not acknowledge Thee.

p 8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy up | on us, and | that | soon : for | we are | come to | great | misery.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, | for the | glory of Thy | Name : O deliver us, and be merciful | unto our | sins, for Thy | Name's | sake.

10 | Wherefore do the | heathen | say : | Where | ... is | now their | God?

11 O let the vengeance of Thy | servants' | blood that is | shed : be openly | shewed upon the | heathen in | our | sight.

12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the | prisoners | come be | fore Thee : according to the greatness of Thy power, preserve Thou | those that | are ap | pointed to | die.

cres 13 And for the blăsphemy wherewith our | neighbours have blăs | phemed | Thee : reward Thou them, O | Lord, | seven-fold | into their | bosom.

f 14 So we, that are Thy people, and sheep of Thy pasture, shall | give Thee | thanks for | ever : and will alway be shewing forth Thy praise from | gener | ation to | gener- | ation.

Psalm LXXX.

The Lord's Vineyard.

Single Chant. Purcell in A minor. W. 43.

mp 1 Hear, O Thou Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest | Joseph | like a | sheep : shew Thyself also, | Thou that | sittest up | on the | cherubims.

cres 2 Before Ephraim, | Benjamin, | and Man | asses : | stir up Thy | strength, and | come, and | help us.

mf 3 | Turn us a | gain, O | God : shew the light of Thy | countenance, and | we | shall be | whole.

p 4 ¶ O | Lord | God of | hosts : how long wilt Thou be | angry | with Thy | people that | prayeth?

5 Thou feedest | them with the | bread of | tears : and | givest them | plenteousness of | tears to | drink.

8. Our former sins; the sins of our fathers.
11. The vengeance; *i.e.*, the recompense.
1. Joseph; *i.e.*, all Israel, as in Psalm lxxviii. 10.
2. Before; *i.e.*, openly, while these tribes are marching out to battle immediately behind the ark. Numbers ii. 18, &c.
3. Turn us again; i.*e.*, restore us.

6 Thou hast made us a very | strife | unto our | neighbours : | and our | enemies | laugh us to | scorn.

cres 7 Turn us a | gain, Thou | God of | hosts : shew the light of Thy | countenance, and | we | shall be | whole.

f 8 ¶ Thou hast | brought a | vine out of | Egypt : Thou hast | cast out the | heathen, and | planted | it.

9 Thou | madest | room for | it : and when it had | taken | root it | filled the | land.

cres 10 The hills were | covered with the | shadow | of it : and the boughs there | of were | like the | goodly | cedar-trees.

ff 11 She stretched out her | branches | unto the | sea : | and her | boughs | unto the | river.

p 12 ¶ Why hast Thou then | broken | down her | hedge : that all | they that go | by pluck | off her | grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the | wood doth | root it | up : and the | wild | beasts of the | field de | vour it.

cres 14 Turn Thee again, Thou God of | Hosts, look | down from | heaven : | be | hold, and | visit this | vine;

15 And the place of the vineyard that | Thy right | hand hath | planted : and the | branch that Thou | madest so | strong for Thy | self.

dim 16 It is burnt with | fire, and | cut | down : and they shall | perish at the re | buke of | Thy | countenance.

17 Let Thy hand be upon the | man of | Thy right | hand : and upon the son of man, whom Thou | madest so | strong for Thine | own | self.

cres 18 And so will not | we go | back from | Thee : O let us | live, and we shall | call upon | Thy | Name.

p 19 Turn us again, O | Lord | God of | hosts : shew the light of Thy | countenance, and | we | shall be | whole.

6. A strife; *i.e.*, a cause of strife and trouble.

9. Madest room for it, by clearing the land of its heathen inhabitants.

10, 11. The literal boundaries of the kingdom of Israel, in the days of its prosperity, may here be alluded to—the forest on the N., the mountains on the S., the sea on the W., and the Euphrates on the E.

13. The Assyrians and Babylonians, who led the people captive.

15. The place; *i.e.*, the original plant itself, which seemed in danger of extermination, and the Branch, the special family of David, from whom the true Branch was to spring.

16. They; *i.e.*, thy people. 17. *i.e.*, upon the Branch.

PSALM LXXXI.

The Covenant of God with His People.

Single Chant. Aldrich in A. W. 91.

f 1 Sing we merrily | unto | God our | strength : make a cheerful | noise | unto the | God of | Jacob.

2 Take the | psalm, bring | hither the | tabret : the | merry | harp | with the | lute.

cres 3 Blow up the | trumpet in the | new | moon : even in the time appointed, | and up | on our | solemn | feast-day.

4 For this was | made a | statute for | Israel : | and a | law of the | God of | Jacob.

ff 5 This He ordained in | Joseph | for a | testimony : when he came out of the land of Egypt, | and had | heard a | strange | language.

mf 6 ¶ "I eased his | shoulder | from the | burden : and his | hands were de | livered from | making the | pots.

7 Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and | I de | livered | thee : and heard thee what | time as the | storm | fell up | on thee.

8 | I | proved thee | also : | at the | waters | of | strife.

cres 9 Hear, O my people, and | I will as | sure thee, O | Israel : if | thou wilt | hearken | unto | me,

10 There shall | no strange | god be | in thee : neither shalt thou | worship | any | other | god.

f 11 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee | out of the | land of | Egypt : open thy | mouth | wide, and | I shall | fill it.

mp 12 ¶ But my people | would not | hear my | voice : | and | Israel | would not ob | ey me.

13 So I gave them | up unto their | own hearts' | lusts : and let them | follow their | own im | agin | ations.

cres 14 O that my people would have | hearkened | unto | me : for if | Israel had | walked in | my | ways,

4. A statute. See Lev. xxiii. 24.

5. In Joseph's seed; *i.e.*, for his children, as a witness of God's mercy towards them.

6. The Lord Himself is here recounting His dealings with His people.

7. Compare Ps. xcix. 7.

15 I should | soon have put | down their | enemies ; and | turned my | hand a | gainst their | adversaries.

p 16 The haters of the | Lord should have been | found | liars : *f* but | their time | should have en | dured for | ever.

17 He should have fed them | also with the | finest wheat | flour : and with honey out of the stony | rock should | I have | satisfied | thee."

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXXII.

The Judgment Seat of God.

Double Chant. Crotch in G. S. 20.

mf 1 God standeth in the | congreg | ation of | princes : | He is a | Judge a | mong | gods.

2 "How | long will ye | give wrong | judgement : and ac | cept the | persons of the | un | godly?

3 De | fend the | poor and | fatherless : see that such as are in | need and ne | cessity | have | right.

4 De | liver the | out-cast and | poor : | save them from the | hand of the | un | godly?"

dim 5 ¶ They will not be learned nor understand, but | walk on | still in | darkness : all the found | ations of the | earth are | out of | course.

f 6 "I have | said, | Ye are | gods : and ye are | all the | children of the | most | Highest.

p 7 But | ye shall | die like | men : | and | fall like | one of the | princes."

cres 8 ¶ Arise, O God, and | judge | Thou the | earth : for Thou shalt | take all | heathen to | Thine in | heritance.

16. Should yield a hypocritical submission through fear. See Ps. lxvi. 2. Their time ; *i.e.*, the time of His people.

1. Gods ; *i.e.*, the highest and noblest. Standeth ; *i.e.*, stands exalted. In verses 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7, God is speaking.

5. The foundations ; *i.e.*, the first principles of right are overturned. See Ps. xi. 3.

6. I have indeed given you a commission to judge the people.

PSALM LXXXIII.

The Punishment of the Rebellious Children.

Double Chant. Read in D. S. 261.

mf 1 Hold not Thy tongue, O | God, keep | not still | silence : | re | frain not Thy | self, O | God.

2 For lo, Thine | enemies | make a | murmuring : and they that | hate Thee have | lift | up their | head.

3 They have imagined | craftily a | gainst Thy | people : and taken | counsel a | gainst Thy | secret | ones.

4 They have said, "Come, and let us root them out, that they | be no | more a | people : and that the name of | Israel may | be no | more in re | membrance."

f 5 For they have cast their heads to | gether | with one con | sent : and | are con | federate a | gainst | Thee;

6 The tabernacles of the | Edomites, | and the | Ismaelites : | the | Moabites, | and | Hagarens;

7 | Gebal, and | Ammon, and | Amalek : the | Philistines, with | them that | dwell at | Tyre.

8 Assur | also is | joined | with them : | and have | holpen the | children of | Lot.

mp 9 ¶ But do Thou to | them as | unto the | Madianites : unto Sisera, and unto | Jabin | at the | brook of | Kison;

10 | Who | perished at | Endor : | and be | came as the | dung of the | earth.

11 Make them and their | princes like | Oreb and | Zeb : yea, make all their princes | like as | Zeba | and Sal | mana;

12 Who | say, Let us | take to our | selves : the | houses of | God | in pos | session.

cres 13 ¶ O my God, make them | like | unto a | wheel : and | as the | stubble be | fore the | wĭnd;

f 14 Like as the fire that | burneth | up the | wood : and | as the | flame that con | sumeth the | mountains.

2. Murmuring; *i.e.*, tumult. 3. Secret ones. Compare Ps. xci. 4.
6. The Edomites were descended from Esau, the Moabites from Lot, and the Hagarens from Hagar.
8. Assur; *i.e.*, the Assyrians. 9. See Judges vii. 25, and iv. 23.
12. *Who;* referring not to Zeba and Salmana, but to the antecedent *their*. Make like unto Zeba and Salmana, all the princes of those who say, Let us do as we will with the houses of God's people.
13. A wheel; *i.e.*, so as to be rolled about without any rest.

15 Persecute them | even | so with Thy | tempest : | and | make them a | fraid with Thy | storm.

dim 16 Make their | faces a | shamed, O | Lord : | that | they may | seek Thy | Name.

17 Let them be confounded and | vexed ever | more and | more : | let them be | put to | shame, and | perish.

cres 18 And they shall know that | Thou, Whose | Name is Je | hovah : art only the most | Highest | over | all the | earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.

The Sanctuary of God.

Single Chant. Alcock in A. W. 179.

mf 1 O how | amiable | are Thy | dwellings : | Thou | Lord | of | hosts !

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter | into the | courts of the | Lord : my heart and my | flesh re | joice in the | living | God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest | where she may | lay her | young : even Thy altars, O | Lord of | hosts, my | King and my | God.

4 Blessed are | they that | dwell in Thy | house : | they will be | alway | praising | Thee.

cres 5 Blessed is the | man whose | strength is in | Thee : in | whose | heart are | Thy | ways.

6 Who going through the vale of | misery | use it for a | well : | and the | pools are | filled with | water.

f 7 They will | go from | strength to | strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth | every | one of them | in | Sion.

p 8 ¶ O Lord God of | hosts, | hear my | prayer : | hearken, | O | God of | Jacob.

9 Be | hold, O | God our de | fender : and | look upon the | face of | Thine An | ointed.

5. In whose heart; *i.e.*, to whose heart Thy courts, and the way that leads to it, are dear.

6. To whom the very tears they shed on their pilgrimage become a fountain of joy.

7. From strength to strength; more correctly, from company to company, overtaking first one band of travellers in the desert, and then another, till they reach Jerusalem, and appear before their God.

cres 10 For | one | day in Thy | courts : | is | better | than a | thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper | in the | house of my | God : | than to | dwell in the | tents of un | godliness.

f 12 For the Lord | God is a | light and de | fence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from | them that | live a | godly | life.

pp 13 ¶ O | Lord | God of | hosts : blessed is the | man that | putteth his | trust in | Thee.

Psalm LXXXV.

The Favour of God towards His People.

Single Chant. Armfield in E. S. 200.

mf 1 Lord, Thou art become | gracious | unto Thy | land : Thou hast | turned a | way the capt | ivity of | Jacob.

2 Thou hast for | given the of | fence of Thy | people : | and | covered | all their | sins.

3 Thou hast taken a | way | all Thy dis | pleasure : and turned Thy | self from Thy | wrathful | indign | ation.

dim 4 Turn us | then, O | God our | Saviour : and | let Thine | anger | cease from | us.

5 Wilt Thou be dis | pleased at | us for | ever : and wilt Thou stretch out Thy wrath from | one gener | ation | to an | other?

6 Wilt Thou not turn a | gain, and | quicken | us : | that Thy | people may re | joice in | Thee?

cr s 7 | Shew us Thy | mercy, O | Lord : | and | grant us | Thy salv | ation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will | say con- | cerning | me : for He shall speak peace unto His people, and to His | saints, that they | turn | not a | gain.

f 9 For His salvation is | nigh | them that | fear Him : | that | glory may | dwell in our | land.

mp 10 ¶ Mercy and | truth are | met to | gether : | righteousness and | peace have | kissed each | other.

12. Worship; *i.e.*, glory.
6. Wilt Thou not restore us to Thyself, and bring us back to life?
8. That they turn not again to idolatry and sin.

cres 11 Truth shall | flourish | out of the | earth : and | righteousness hath | looked | down from | heaven.

12 Yea, the | Lord shall | shew loving | kindness : | and our | land shall | give her | increase.

f 13 | Righteousness shall | go be | fore Him : and He shall di | rect his | going | in the | way.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXXVI.

Faith in Adversity.

Single Chant. Blow in E minor. W. 70.

p 1 Bow down Thine | ear, O | Lord, and | hear me : for | I am | poor, | and in | misery.

2 Preserve Thou my | soul, for | I am | holy : my God, save Thy | servant that | putteth his | trust in | Thee.

3 Be merciful | unto | me, O | Lord : for I will | call | daily up | on | Thee.

4 | Comfort the | soul of Thy | servant : for unto Thee, O | Lord, do I | lift | up my | soul.

cres 5 For Thou, | Lord, art | good and | gracious : and of great mercy unto | all | them that | call upon | Thee.

dim 6 Give ear, | Lord, | unto my | prayer : and | ponder the | voice of my | humble de | sires.

7 In the time of my trouble | I will | call upon | Thee : | for | Thou | hearest | me.

cres 8 Among the gods there is none | like unto | Thee, O | Lord : there is not | one that can | do as | Thou | doest.

9 All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and | worship | Thee, O | Lord : | and shall | glorify | Thy | Name.

f 10 For Thou art great, and | doest | wondrous | things : | Thou | ...art | God al | one.

11 Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and | I will | walk in

13. Righteousness shall go before Him; and by righteousness shall He shew a man how to follow in His steps.

2. For I am Thine—dedicated to Thee, the Holy One.

8. Among the greatest and mightiest of men.

Thy | truth : O knit my heart unto | Thee, that | I may | fear Thy | Name.

12 I will thank Thee, O Lord my | God, with | all my | heart : and will | praise Thy | Name for | ever | more.

13 For | great is Thy | mercy | toward me : and Thou hast de | livered my | soul from the | nethermost | hell.

p 14 ¶ O God, the | proud are | risen a | gainst me : and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have | not set | Thee be | fore their | eyes.

cres 15 But Thou, O Lord God, art | full of com | passion and | mercy : long | suffering, | plenteous in | goodness and | truth.

dim 16 O turn Thee then unto me, and | have | mercy up | on me : give Thy strength unto Thy | servant, and | help the | son of Thine | handmaid.

cres 17 Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may | see it, and | be a | shamed : because Thou, Lord, hast | holpen | me, and | comforted | me.

Psalm LXXXVII.

The New Jerusalem.

Single Chant. Bellamy in A. S. 237.

f 1 Her foundations are up | on the | holy | hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion | more than | all the | dwellings of | Jacob.

2 Very excellent | things are | spoken of | thee : | thou | city | of | God.

3 ¶ I will | think upon | Rahab and | Babylon : | with | them that | know | me.

14. Naughty; *i.e.*, worthless. My soul; *i.e.*, my life.

16. David describes himself as doubly the servant of God, being the son of one who was God's servant before him.

1. More correctly, *His* foundations, &c.; *i.e.*, the holy hills of Sion are founded by God Himself.

2. In glorious strain are these things told of thee; *i.e.*, these things which follow in v. 3, &c.

3. I, the Lord, will make mention of Rahab (Egypt) and Babylon, among those who know me; *i.e.*, even Egypt and Babylon shall be brought to know me.

4 Be | hold ye the | Philistines | also : and they of Tyre, with the Morians; | lo, | there was | he | born.

5 And of Sion it shall be reported that | he was | born in | her : and the | most | High shall | stablish | her.

6 The Lord shall rehearse it when He | writeth | up the | people : | that | he was | born | there.

7 The singers also and | trumpeters shall | He re- | hearse : | All my fresh | springs shall | be in | Thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

The Sore Chastisement of God.

Proper Psalm for Good Friday. Double Chant. Turle in D minor.
W. 84.

p 1 O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried | day and | night be | fore Thee : O let my prayer enter into Thy presence, in | cline Thine | ear | unto my | calling.

2 For my | soul is | full of | trouble : | and my | life draweth | nigh unto | hell.

3 I am counted as one of them that go | down | into the | pit : and I have been | even as a | man that hath | no | strength.

4 Free among the dead, like unto them that are | wounded, and | lie in the | grave : who are out of remembrance, and are | cut a | way from | Thy | hand.

dim 5 Thou hast | laid me in the | lowest | pit : in a | place of | darkness, and | in the | deep.

6 Thine indignation | lieth | hard up | on me : and | Thou hast | vexed me with | all Thy | storms.

7 Thou hast put a | way mine ac | quaintance far | from me : and | made me to | be ab | horred | of them.

4, 5. All nations shall desire to be enrolled among the citizens of Sion. Each man shall wish it to be said of him that he was born in her.

6. That this and that man was born there.

7. Concerning the singers also and trumpeters who celebrate the glory of the new Jerusalem, shall He declare that all the fresh springs of their joy are in Sion.

2. Hell; *i.e.*, the grave.

4. Free, rather, weak. Cut away, &c.; *i.e.*, cast off from Thy protection.

7. This is not spoken of as a separate chastisement; but as a consequence of his other afflictions. His sufferings had made him so loathsome an object that his dearest friends forsook him. See Job xix. 13, &c.

pp 8 I am | so | fast in | prison : | that I | cannot | get | forth.

9 My sight | faileth for | very | trouble : Lord, I have called daily upon Thee, I have | stretched | forth my | hands unto | Thee.

10 ¶ Dost Thou shew | wonders a | mong the | dead : or shall the | dead rise | up a | gain, and | praise Thee?

11 Shall Thy loving | kindness be | shewed in the | grave : | or Thy | faithfulness | in de | struction?

12 Shall Thy wondrous | works be | known in the | dark : and Thy righteousness in the | land where | all things | are for | gotten?

cres 13 Unto | Thee have I | cried, O | Lord : and | early shall my | prayer | come be | fore Thee.

dim 14 Lord, why ab | horrest | Thou my | soul : and | hidest | Thou Thy | face from | me?

p 15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is | at the | point to | die : even from my youth up Thy terrors have I | suffered | with a | troubled | mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure | goeth | over | me : | and the | fear of Thee | hath undone | me.

17 They came round a | bout me | daily like | water : and compassed | me to | gether on | every | side.

18 My lovers and friends hast Thou | put a | way from | me : and | hid mine ac | quaintance | out of my | sight.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm LXXXIX.

The Glories promised to the posterity of David, in the Messiah.

Proper Psalm for Christmas Day.

Double Chant. Walmisley in F. S. 140.

f 1 My song shall be alway of the | loving | kindness of the | Lord : with my mouth will I ever be shewing Thy truth from | one gener | ation | to an | other.

10 Soon I shall be where no wonderful works can be shewn, and no praise uttered, unless Thy mercy help me speedily.

13. Early; *i.e.*, promptly—immediately.

18. And given me darkness for my companion.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be | set | up for | ever: Thy | truth shalt Thou | stablish | in the | heavens:—

3 "I have made a | covenant | with my | chosen: | I have | sworn unto | David my | servant;

4 Thy | seed will I | stablish for | ever: and set up thy throne from | one gener | ation | to an | other."

cres 5 ¶ O Lord, the very heavens shall | praise Thy | wondrous | works: and Thy truth in the | congreg | ation | of the | saints.

6 For who is | he a | mong the | clouds: that shall | be | compared | unto the | Lord?

7 And what is | he a | mong the | gods: that shall | be | like | unto the | Lord?

8 God is very greatly to be | feared in the | council of the | saints: and to be had in reverence of | all | them that are | round a | bout Him.

ff 9 O Lord God of hosts, | who is | like unto | Thee: Thy truth, most | mighty | Lord, is on | every | side.

10 Thou | rulest the | raging of the | sea: Thou stillest the | waves there | of when | they a | rise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, | and de | stroyed | it: Thou hast scattered Thine | enemies a | broad with Thy | mighty | arm.

12 The heavens are Thine, the | earth | also is | Thine: Thou hast laid the foundation of the round | world, and | all that | therein | is.

13 Thou hast | made the | north and the | south: Tabor and | Hermon shall re | joice in | Thy | Name.

14 | Thou hast a | mighty | arm: strong is Thy | hand, and | high is | Thy right | hand.

mf 15 Righteousness and equity are the habit | ation of | Thy | seat: mercy and | truth shall | go be | fore Thy | face.

2. In the heavens; *i.e.*, as immoveably as the heavens.
6. Among the *angels* who dwell amid the clouds.
7. The gods; *i.e.*, the mightiest heroes.
8. In the council; *i.e.*, as head or leader of their council.
13. Tabor and Hermon; *i.e.*, the extreme West and East; so that the verse includes all the four quarters of the earth—the whole world.
15. Habitation; rather, foundation.

16 Blessed is the people, O Lord, that | can re | joice in | Thee : | they shall | walk in the | light of Thy | countenance.

17 Their de | light shall be | daily in Thy | Name : and in Thy | righteousness | shall they | make their | boast.

18 For | Thou art the | glory of their | strength : and in Thy loving | kindness | Thou shalt lift | up our | horns.

19 For the | Lord is | our de | fence : the | Holy One of | Israel | is our | King.

cres 20 ¶ Thou spakest sometime in visions | unto Thy | saints, and | saidst : "I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have | exalted one | chosen | out of the | people.

21 I have | found | David my | servant : with my holy | oil have | I an | ointed | him.

22 My | hand shall | hold him | fast : and | my | arm shall | strengthen | him.

23 The enemy shall not be | able to | do him | violence : the | son of | wickedness | shall not | hurt him.

24 I will smite down his | foes be | fore his | face : | and | plague | them that | hate him.

25 My truth also and my | mercy shall | be | with him : and in | my | Name shall his | horn be ex | alted.

f 26 I will set his dominion | also | in the | sea : | and his | right hand | in the | floods.

27 He shall | call me, | Thou art my | Father : my | God, | and my | strong salv | ation.

cres 28 And I will | make | him my | first-born : | higher | than the | kings of the | earth.

29 My mercy will I keep for | him for | ever | more : and my | covenant shall | stand | fast with | him.

ff 30 His seed also will I | make to en | dure for | ever : | and his | throne as the | days of | heaven.

mp 31 ¶ But if his | children for | sake my | law : | and | walk not in | my | judgements;

32 If they break my statutes, and | keep not | my com- | mandments : I will visit their offences with the | rod, | and their | sin with | scourges.

20. I have laid help, &c.; *i.e.*, I have given him strength.
23. The son of wickedness; meaning, perhaps, Saul.
26. From the sea on the West to the Euphrates on the East.

cres 33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not | utterly | take from | him : | nor | suffer my | truth to | fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is | gone | out of my | lips : I have sworn once by my holiness, that | I | will not | fail | David.

f 35 His | seed shall en | dure for | ever : and his | seat is | like as the | sun be | fore me.

36 He shall stand fast for ever | more | as the | moon : and | as the | faithful | witness in | heaven."

Double Chant. Battishill in A minor. T. 78.

p 37 ¶ But Thou hast abhorred and for | saken | Thine An | ointed : | and | art dis | pleased | at him.

38 Thou hast broken the | covenant of | Thy | servant : | and | cast his | crown to the | ground.

39 Thou hast over | thrown | all his | hedges : and | broken | down his | strong | holds.

40 All | they that go | by | spoil him : and he is be | come a re | proach | to his | neighbours.

41 Thou hast set up the | right | hand of his | enemies : and made | all his | adversaries | to re | joice.

42 Thou hast taken a | way the | edge of his | sword : and givest him | not | victory | in the | battle.

dim 43 Thou hast | put | out his | glory : and | cast his | throne | down to the | ground.

44 The days of his | youth | hast Thou | shortened : | and | covered him | with dis | honour.

pp 45 Lord, how long wilt Thou | hide Thy | self, for | ever : and | shall Thy | wrath | burn like | fire?

46 O remember how | short my | time | is : wherefore hast Thou | made | all | men for | naught?

47 What man is he that | liveth, and shall | not see | death : and shall he de | liver his | soul from the | hand of | hell?

cres 48 Lord, where are Thy | old | loving | kindnesses : which Thou | swarest unto | David | in Thy | truth?

36. The faithful witness; *i.e.*, the moon, or stars, or possibly the rainbow.

47. What living man is there, who shall not, &c.

dim 49 Remember, Lord, the re | buke that Thy | servants | have : and how I do bear in my | bosom the re | bukes of | many | people;

p 50 Wherewith Thine enemies have blăsphemed Thee, and slandered the | footsteps of | Thine An | ointed : *f* Praised be the Lord for ever | more. | Amen, and | A | men.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XC.

The Shortness of Life. A Prayer of Moses.

Single Chant. Read in A minor. S. 234.

mf 1 Lord, | Thou hast | been our | refuge : from | one gener | ation | to an | other.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the | earth and the | world were | made : Thou art God from ever | lasting, and | world with | out | end.

p 3 ¶ Thou | turnest | man to de | struction : again Thou sayest, | Come a | gain, ye | children of | men.

4 For a thousand years in Thy | sight are | but as | yesterday : seeing | that is | past as a | watch in the | night.

dim 5 As soon as Thou scatterest them | they are | even as a | sleep : and | fade away | suddenly | like the | grass.

cres 6 In the morning it is | green, and | groweth | up : *dim* but in the evening it is cut | down, | dried | up, and | withered.

p 7 For we consume a | way in | Thy dis | pleasure : and are a | fraid at Thy | wrathful | indign | ation.

8 Thou hast set | our mis | deeds be | fore Thee : and our secret | sins in the | light of | Thy | countenance.

9 For when Thou art angry | all our | days are | gone : we bring our years to an | end, as it | were a | tale that is | told.

50. Slandered the footsteps; *i.e.*, laid wait for him with slanders. The Doxology marks the end of the Third Book of Psalms.

3. Thou makest man to return to dust, and sayest, Return (to dust) ye children of men.

4. *That* is emphatic, and means *yesterday*. The night was divided into four watches, of three hours each.

8. Hast lit them up with the brightness of Thy face, so that they are secret no longer.

10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they | come to | fourscore | years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon | passeth it a | way, and | we are | gone.

11 But who re | gardeth the | power of Thy | wrath : for even thereafter as a man | feareth, | so is | Thy dis | pleasure.

cres 12 So | teach us to | number our | days : that | we may ap | ply our | hearts unto | wisdom.

13 Turn Thee a | gain, O | Lord, at the | last : | and be | gracious | unto Thy | servants.

14 O satisfy us with Thy | mercy, and | that | soon : so shall we rejoice and be | glad | all the | days of our | life.

15 Comfort us again now after the time that | Thou hast | plagued | us : and for the | years where | in we have | suffered ad | versity.

f 16 | Shew Thy | servants Thy | work : | and their | children | Thy | glory.

17 And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our | God | be up | on us : prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O | prosper | Thou our | handy | work.

PSALM XCI.

The Guardian Angel. An Evening Hymn.

Double Chant. Walmisley in F. W. 156.

mf 1 Whoso dwelleth under the de | fence of the | most | High : shall abide | under the | shadow of the | Al- | mighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my | hope, and my | strong | hold : | my | God, in | Him will I | trust.

10. *Then* here does not mean *at that time*, but *in that case*. Even if a man should live to a great age, the very prime of his life, whenever it may have been, shall be accounted but labour and sorrow.

11. But who is there who considers, as much as he should, the power of Thy wrath? Who thinks of Thy displeasure as Thy fear should lead him to think?

15. After the time; *i.e.*, to make up for the time.

16. Moses himself might not enter the promised land; but he prays that his children may see the glory of it, through his labours in leading them thereunto.

1. Shall abide; *i.e.*, abide securely.

cres 3 For He shall deliver Thee | from the | snare of the | hunter : | and | from the | noisome | pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be | safe | under His | feathers : His faithfulness and | truth shall | be thy | shield and | buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be a | fraid for any | terror by | night : | nor for the | arrow that | flieth by | day;

6 For the | pestilence that | walketh in | darkness : nor for the | sickness that de | stroyeth | in the | noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten | thousand at | thy right | hand : but | it shall | not come | nigh | thee.

8 Yea, with thine | eyes shalt | thou be | hold : and | see the re | ward of the | un | godly.

f 9 ¶ For | "Thou, Lord, | art my | hope" : thou hast set thine | house of de | fence | very | high.

10 There shall no | evil | happen unto | thee : neither shall | any | plague come | nigh thy | dwelling.

11 For He shall give His | angels | charge | over thee : | to | keep thee in | all thy | ways.

12 They shall | bear thee | in their | hands : that thou | hurt not thy | foot a | gainst a | stone.

13 Thou shalt | go upon the | lion and | adder : the young lion and the | dragon shalt | thou tread | under thy | feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will | I de | liver | him : I will set him | up, be | cause he hath | known my | Name.

cres 15 He shall call upon | me, and | I will | hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will de | liver | him, and | bring him to | honour.

ff 16 With long | life will I | satisfy | him : | and | shew him | my salv | ation.

3. Noisome; *i.e.*, hurtful. 8. Reward; *i.e.*, punishment.

9. For in saying, Thou, Lord, art my hope (*i.e.*, in choosing God for thy refuge), thou hast made thy house of defence very high and secure.

10. Plague; *i.e.*, stroke, blow, misfortune.

11. In all thy ways; *i.e.*, in all the ways wherein it is lawful for thee to walk. These words were significantly omitted by Satan, when he misquoted this verse in tempting our Blessed Lord.

13. Upon the lion and adder; *i.e.*, fearing neither open violence nor secret treachery.

14. In the last three verses God Himself confirms the promise uttered by His prophet, to those who trust in Him.

PSALM XCII.

The Triumph of the Righteous.

Double Chant. Crotch in B flat. S. 208.

f 1 It is a good thing to give | thanks | unto the | Lord: and to sing praises | unto Thy | Name, | O most | Highest;

2 To tell of thy loving-kindness | early | in the | morning: and of | Thy | truth in the | night | season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten | strings, and up | on the | lute: upon a loud | instrument, | and up | on the | harp.

cres 4 For Thou, Lord, hast | made me | glad through Thy | works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the | oper- | ations of | Thy | hands.

ff 5 ¶ O Lord, how | glorious | are Thy | works: | Thy | thoughts are | very | deep.

dim 6 An unwise man doth not | well con | sider | this: | and a | fool doth not | under | stand it.

p 7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the | workers of | wickedness do | flourish: then shall they be destroyed for ever; *cres* but Thou, Lord, | art the most | Highest for | ever | more.

p 8 For lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, | lo, Thine | enemies shall | perish: and all the | workers of | wickedness shall | be de | stroyed.

cres 9 But mine horn shall be exalted | like the | horn of a | unicorn: for | I am an | ointed with | fresh | oil.

10 Mine eye also shall | see his | lust of mine | enemies: and mine ear shall hear his desire of the | wicked that a- | rise | up a | gainst me.

f 11 The righteous shall | flourish | like a | palm-tree: and shall | spread a | broad like a | cedar in | Libanus.

4. The works and operations not of creation only but of Providence.
6. He is an unwise man who doth not, &c., and he is a fool who, &c.
7. At the highest point of their seeming prosperity, they shall be destroyed, &c.
10. Shall see *its* lust; *i.e.*, its utmost wishes fulfilled that the enemy may be overcome; and mine ear shall hear *its* desire, &c.
9. Of a buffalo.
11. Shall grow both high and wide.

12 Such as are | planted in the | house of the | Lord : shall | flourish in the | courts of the | house of our | God.

13 They also shall bring | forth more | fruit in their | age : | and shall be | fat and | well | liking.

14 That they may shew how true the | Lord my | strength |
rall is : and that | there is | no un | righteousness in | Him.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XCIII.

The Majesty of God.

Double Chant. Hayes in G. T. 65.

f 1 The Lord is King, and hath put | on | glorious ap- | parel : the Lord hath put on His ap | parel, and | girded Him | self with | strength.

2 He hath | made the round | world so | sure : | that it | cannot | be | moved.

3 Ever since the world began hath | Thy | seat been pre- | pared : | Thou | art from | ever | lasting.

cres 4 The floods are risen, O Lord, the | floods have lift | up their | voice : | the | floods lift | up their | waves.

ff 5 The waves of the sea are | mighty, and | rage | horribly : but yet the | Lord, Who | dwelleth on | high, is | mightier.

p 6 Thy testimonies, O | Lord, are | very | sure : | holiness be | cometh Thine | house for | ever.

PSALM XCIV.

The All-seeing Eye of God.

Single Chant. Hindle in D. W. 34.

mf 1 O Lord God, to | Whom | vengeance be | longeth : Thou God, to Whom | vengeance be | longeth, | shew Thy | self.

2 A | rise, Thou | Judge of the | world : and re | ward the | proud after | their de | serving.

12. Those who seek the Lord in His courts shall flourish like the stately trees planted around the Temple.

2. That it cannot be moved out of its course.

6. As the earth is immoveable, and all creation glorious, so is the law of God stedfast, and His house for ever holy. Compare Ps. xix. 7.

dim 3 Lord, how | long | shall the un | godly : how | long | shall the un | godly | triumph?

4 How long shall all wicked | doers speak | so dis | dainfully : | and | make such | proud | boasting?

p 5 They smite | down Thy | people, O | Lord : | and | trouble | Thine | heritage.

6 They murder the | widow, | and the | stranger : | and | put the | fatherless to | death.

7 And yet they say, | Tush, the | Lord shall not | see : | neither shall the | God of | Jacob re | gard it.

cres 8 ¶ Take heed, ye un | wise a | mong the | people : O ye | fools, | when will ye | under | stand?

f 9 He that planted the | ear, shall | He not | hear : or He that | made the | eye, shall | He not | see?

10 Or | He that | nurtureth the | heathen : it is He that teacheth man | knowledge, | shall not | He | punish?

mf 11 The Lord | knoweth the | thoughts of | man : | that | they | are but | vain.

12 Blessed is the man whom | Thou | chastenest, O | Lord : | and | teachest him in | Thy | law;

13 That Thou mayest give him | patience in | time of ad | versity : until the pit be | digged | up for the | un- | godly.

14 For the | Lord will not | fail His | people : | neither will | He for | sake His in | heritance;

15 Until righteousness | turn a | gain unto | judgement: all such as are | true in | heart shall | follow | it.

16 ¶ Who will rise up with | me a | gainst the | wicked : or who will take my | part a | gainst the | evil | doers?

17 If the | Lord had not | helped | me : it had not failed | but my | soul had been | put to | silence.

18 But when I | said, My | foot hath | slipt : Thy | mercy, O | Lord, | held me | up.

10. Nurtureth; rather, chastiseth.

15. Until righteousness return unto the seat of judgment, and all the true of heart follow it. God will always be with His people to defend them, while injustice and tyranny are done towards them; and when true justice comes to reign, all the true of heart shall follow it.

17. *i.e.*, put to silence in the grave.

19 In the multitude of the | sorrows that I | had in my | heart : Thy | comforts | have re | freshed my | soul.

dim 20 ¶ Wilt Thou have any thing to | do with the | stool of | wickedness : which i | magineth | mischief | as a | law?

21 They gather them together a | gainst the | soul of the | righteous : | and con | demn the | innocent | blood.

cres 22 But the | Lord is | my | refuge : and my | God is the | strength of | my | confidence.

23 He shall recompense them their wickedness, and de- | stroy them in their | own | malice : | yea, the | Lord our | God shall de | stroy them.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm XCV.

The Invitation to Praise.

Single Chant. Turner in D. W. 127.

f 1 O come, let us | sing | unto the | Lord : let us heartily re | joice in the | strength of | our salv | ation.

2 Let us come before His | presence with | thanks | giving : and | shew ourselves | glad in | Him with | psalms.

cres 3 For the | Lord is a | great | God : and a | great | King above | all | gods.

4 In His hand are | all the | corners of the | earth : and the | strength of the | hills is | His | also.

5 The sea is | His, and | He | made it : and His | hands pre | pared the | dry | land.

dim 6 ¶ O come, let us | worship and | fall | down : and | kneel be | fore the | Lord our | Maker.

7 For | He is the | Lord our | God : and we are the people of His | pasture, and the | sheep of | His | hand.

cres 8 ¶ To-day if ye will hear His voice, | "Harden | not your | hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the | day of tempt- | ation | in the | wilderness ;

20. The seat of wickedness, where the wicked judge.
2. Let us hasten to come; come willingly.
4. The deep places of the earth, and the lofty summits of the hills.
5. Prepared; *i.e.*, fashioned.
8. To-day, if ye will but hear Him, He speaks to you as He spoke to the Israelites of old, saying, "Harden not," &c.—As at Meribah and Massah. Ex. xvii. 7.

9 When your | fathers | tempted | me : | proved | me, and | saw my | works.

dim 10 Forty years long was I grieved with | this gener | ation, and | said : It is a people that do err in their | hearts, for they | have not | known my | ways;

11 Unto | whom I | sware in my | wrath : that they | should not | enter | into my | rest."

PSALM XCVI.

The whole Creation Worshipping the Creator.

Single Chant. Byrd in G. S. 8.

f 1 O sing unto the | Lord a | new | song : sing unto the | Lord, | all the | whole | earth.

2 Sing unto the | Lord, and | praise His | Name : be telling of | His salv | ation from | day to | day.

3 Declare His | honour | unto the | heathen : | and His | wonders | unto all | people.

4 For the Lord is great, and | cannot | worthily be | praised : He is | more to be | feared than | all | gods.

dim 5 As for all the gods of the | heathen, they | are but | idols : *cres* | but it is the | Lord that | made the | heavens.

f 6 Glory and | worship | are be | fore Him : | power and | honour are | in His | sanctuary.

7 ¶ Ascribe unto Lord, | O ye | kindreds of the | people : a | scribe unto the | Lord | worship and | power.

8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour | due | unto His | Name : bring | presents, and | come | into His | courts.

9 O worship the | Lord in the | beauty of | holiness : let the whole | earth | stand in | awe of | Him.

10 Tell it out among the | heathen that the | Lord is | King : and that it is He Who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved ; and how that | He shall | judge the | people | righteously.

cres 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and | let the | earth be | glad : let the sea make a | noise, and | all that | therein | is.

9. Proved my power and long-suffering.
11. Into my rest; *i.e.*, into the Promised Land.
7. Kindreds; *i.e.*, families.

ff 12 Let the field be | joyful, and | all that is | in it : then shall all the trees of the | wood re | joice be | fore the | Lord.

pp 13 For He cometh, for He | cometh to | judge the | earth : and with righteousness to judge the | world, and the | people with | His | truth.

PSALM XCVII.

The Universal Sovereignty of God.

Double Chant. Henley in E flat. W. 100.

f 1 The Lord is King, the | earth may be | glad there | of : yea, the multitude | of the | isles may be | glad there | of.

2 Clouds and | darkness are | round a | bout Him : righteousness and judgement are the | habit | ation of | His | seat.

cres 3 There shall | go a | fire be | fore Him : and | burn up His | enemies on | every | side.

4 His lightnings gave | shine | unto the | world : the | earth | saw it, | and was a | fraid.

ff 5 The hills melted like | wax at the | presence of the | Lord : at the | presence of the | Lord of the | whole | earth.

6 The | heavens have de | clared His | righteousness : and | all the | people have | seen His | glory.

dim 7 ¶ Confounded be all they that worship carved images, | and that de | light in vain | gods : | worship | Him, | all ye | gods.

cres 8 Sion | heard of it, | and re | joiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad, be | cause of Thy | judgements, | O | Lord.

f 9 For Thou, Lord, art higher than | all that are | in the | earth : Thou art ex | alted | far above | all | gods.

10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye | hate the | thing which is | evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of His saints ; He shall deliver them | from the | hand of the | un | godly.

11 There is sprung | up a | light for the | righteous : and joyful | gladness for | such as are | true | hearted.

1. The isles ; *i.e.*, the countries beyond the sea,
2. The foundation of His throne, as in Psalm lxxxix. 15.
8. Heard of it ; *i.e.*, of the confusion of the false gods.
11. Sprung up ; rather sown ; *i.e.*, prepared for a future day.

cres 12 Re | joice in the | Lord, ye | righteous : and give | thanks for a re | membrance of | His | holiness.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XCVIII.

The Whole Earth Rejoicing Before God.

Double Chant. Cooke in G. W. 94.

f 1 O sing unto the | Lord a | new | song : for | He hath | done | marvellous | things.

2 With His own right | hand, and with His | holy | arm : | hath He | gotten Him | self the | victory.

3 The Lord de | clared | His salv | ation : His righteousness hath He | openly | shewed in the | sight of the | heathen.

4 He hath remembered His mercy and truth | toward the | house of | Israel : and all the ends of the world have | seen the salv | ation of | our | God.

ff 5 ¶ Shew yourselves joyful unto the | Lord, | all ye | lands : | sing, re | joice, and | give | thanks.

6 Praise the | Lord up | on the | harp : sing to the | harp with a | psalm of | thanks | giving.

7 With | trumpets | also and | shawms : O shew yourselves | joyful be | fore the | Lord the | King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and | all that | therein | is : the round | world, and | they that | dwell there | in.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful to | gether be | fore the | Lord : *p* for | He is | come to | judge the | earth.

10 With righteousness | shall He | judge the | world: | and the | people | with | equity.

PSALM XCIX.

The Greatness of God's Power.

Single Chant. Elvey in D. W. 143.

f 1 The Lord is King, be the people | never | so im | patient : He sitteth between the cherubims, be the | earth | never | so un | quiet.

3. His salvation; *i.e.*, His power to save.
7. Shawms; probably some brass instrument.

2 The | Lord is | great in | Sion : | and | high above | all | people.

3 They shall give | thanks | unto Thy | Name : which is | great, | wonderful, | and | holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgement; | Thou hast pre- | pared | equity : Thou hast executed | judgement and | righteousness | in | Jacob.

cres 5 ¶ O | magnify the | Lord our | God : and fall down be- | fore His | footstool, for | He is | holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among | such as | call upon His | Name : these | called upon the | Lord, and | He | heard them.

ff 7 He spake unto them | out of the | cloudy | pillar : for they kept His testimonies, | and the | law that | He | gave them.

dim 8 Thou | heardest them, O | Lord our | God : Thou for- | gavest them, O | God, and | punishedst their | own in- | ventions.

cres 9 ¶ O magnify the Lord our God, and worship Him up- | on His | holy | hill : | for the | Lord our | God is | holy.

PSALM C.

The Universal Praise of God.

Double Chant. Dupuis in A. W. 25.

f 1 O be joyful in the | Lord, | all ye | lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come be | fore His | presence | with a | song.

2 Be ye sure that the | Lord | He is | God : it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His | people, and the | sheep of | His | pasture.

cres 3 O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and | into His | courts with | praise : be thankful unto | Him, and speak | good of | His | name.

dim 4 For the Lord is gracious, His | mercy is | ever | lasting : and His truth endureth from | gener | ation to | gener- | ation.

4. Though of unbounded power He loves strict justice. Hast prepared equity; *i.e.*, established a fair code of laws.

8. Forgiving the people their sins, but bringing to naught their devices.

PSALM CI.

A Resolution to Serve God.

Single Chant. Hayes in E. W. 76.

mp 1 My | song shall be of | mercy and | judgement : | unto | Thee, O | Lord, will I | sing.

2 O | let me have | under | standing : | in the | way | of | godliness.

3 | When wilt Thou | come unto | me : I will | walk in my | house with a | perfect | heart.

cres 4 I will take no wicked thing in hand ; I | hate the | sins of un | faithfulness : | there shall | no such | cleave unto | me.

p 5 A froward | heart shall de | part from | me : I | will not | know a | wicked | person.

6 Whoso | privily | slandereth his | neighbour : | him | will | I de | stroy.

7 Whoso hath also a proud | look and | high | stomach : | I | will not | suffer | him.

cres 8 Mine eyes look upon | such as are | faithful in the | land : | that | they may | dwell with | me.

f 9 Whoso | leadeth a | godly | life : | he shall | be | my | servant.

dim 10 There shall no deceitful | person | dwell in my | house : he that telleth | lies shall not | tarry | in my | sight.

p 11 I shall soon destroy all the un | godly that are | in the | land : that I may root out all wicked | doers from the | city | of the | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CII.

The Citizen of Sion in Captivity and Distress.

Proper Psalm for Ash Wednesday. Double Chant. Turle in D min. W. 15.

p 1 | Hear my | prayer, O | Lord : and | let my | crying | come unto | Thee.

2 Hide not Thy face | from me in the | time of my |

6. Destroy ; rather, renounce—cut off from my society.

trouble : incline Thine ear unto me when I | call; O | hear me, and | that right | soon.

3 For my days are con | sumed a | way like | smoke : and my | bones are burnt | up as it | were a | fire-brand.

4 My heart is smitten | down, and | withered like | grass : | so that I for | get to | eat my | bread.

5 | For the | voice of my | groaning : my | bones will | scarce | cleave to my | flesh.

6 I am become like a | pelican | in the | wilderness : and | like an | owl that is | in the | desert.

7 I have watched, and am | even as it | were a | sparrow : that | sitteth al | one up | on the | house-top.

8 Mine enemies re | vile me | all the day | long : and they that are mad up | on me are | sworn to | gether a | gainst me.

9 For I have eaten | ashes | as it were | bread : | and | mingled my | drink with | weeping;

10 And that because of | Thine indign | ation and | wrath : for Thou hast | taken me | up, and | cast me | down.

11 My | days are | gone like a | shadow : and | I am | withered | like | grass.

cres 12 But, Thou, O | Lord, shalt en | dure for | ever : and Thy re | membrance through | out all | gener | ations.

13 Thou shalt a | rise, and have | mercy upon | Sion : for it is time that Thou have mercy up | on her, | yea, the | time is | come.

dim 14 And why? Thy servants | think up | on her | stones : and it | pitieth them to | see her | in the | dust.

cres 15 The heathen shall | fear Thy | Name, O | Lord : and | all the | kings of the | earth Thy | Majesty;

3. *i.e.*, the marrow, the vital strength, of my bones is dried up and consumed.

6. That is in the desert; rather, that is in solitude; *i.e.*, among the ruins.

7. There is no species of *sparrow* whose habits answer to this description. Any kind of solitary bird is probably intended.

10. Hast taken me up first, so that when cast down I may be all the more shaken by my fall.

12. Thy remembrance; *i.e.*, Thy promise, which is given us for a remembrance of Thee.

16 When the | Lord shall | build up | Sion : and | when His | glory | shall ap | pear;

17 When He turneth Him unto the | prayer of the | poor | destitute : | and de | spiseth not | their de | sire.

f 18 This shall be | written for | those that come | after : and the | people which shall be | born shall | praise the | Lord.

dim 19 For He hath | looked | down from His | sanctuary : out of the | heaven did the | Lord be | hold the | earth;

20 That He might hear the mournings of | such as are | in capt | ivity : and deliver the | children ap | pointed | unto | death;

cres 21 That they may declare the | Name of the | Lord in | Sion : | and His | worship | at Je | rusalem;

f 22 When the | people are | gathered to | gether : and the | kingdoms | also, to | serve the | Lord.

p 23 ¶ He brought | down my | strength in my | journey : | and | shortened | my | days.

cres 24 But I said, O my God, take me not a | way in the | midst of mine | age : as for Thy years, they en | dure through | out all | gener | ations.

f 25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast | laid the found- | ation of the | earth : and the | heavens are the | work of | Thy | hands.

dim 26 They shall | perish, but | Thou shalt en | dure : they | all shall wax | old as | doth a | garment;

27 And as a vesture shalt Thou | change them, and | they shall be | changed : *cres* but Thou art the | same, and Thy | years | shall not | fail.

28 The children of Thy | servants | shall con | tinue : and their | seed shall stand | fast in | Thy | sight.

PSALM CIII.

The Lovingkindness of God.

Double Chant. Turle in D. W. 129.

f 1 Praise the | Lord, | O my | soul : and all that is with- | in me | praise His | holy | Name.

28. *i.e.*, shall continue Thine; shall continue to serve Thee from generation to generation.

2 Praise the | Lord, | O my | soul : | and for | get not | all His | benefits;

3 Who for | giveth | all thy | sin : | and | healeth | all thine in | firmities;

4 Who | saveth thy | life from de | struction : and | crowneth thee with | mercy and | loving | kindness.

5 Who satisfieth thy | mouth with | good | things : making thee | young and | lusty | as an | eagle.

6 The Lord executeth | righteousness | and | judgement : for | all | them that are op | pressed with | wrong.

cres 7 He | shewed His | ways unto | Moses : His | works | unto the | children of | Israel.

8 The Lord is | full of com | passion and | mercy : long- | suffering, | and of | great | goodness.

9 He | will not | alway be | chiding : neither | keepeth | He His | anger for | ever.

10 He hath not | dealt with us | after our | sins : nor re | warded us ac | cording to | our | wickednesses.

f 11 For look how high the heaven is in com | parison | of the | earth : so great is His | mercy | also toward | them that | fear Him.

12 Look how wide also the | east is | from the | west : so | far hath He | set our | sins | from us.

dim 13 Yea, like as a father | pitieth his | own | children : even so is the Lord | merciful | unto | them that | fear Him.

14 For He | knoweth where | of we are | made : He re- | membereth that | we | are but | dust.

p 15 The days of | man are | but as | grass : for he | flourisheth | as a | flower of the | field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth | over it, | it is | gone : and the | place there | of shall | know it no | more.

cres 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and | ever upon | them that | fear Him : and His | righteousness up | on | children's | children;

6. It should be noted that in words compounded of the Latin preposition *ob*, such as *op-pressed*, *of-fences*, and *ob-lation*, the first syllable is always a short one, and ought never to be pronounced as if it were written *ŏ-fences*, *ŏ-pressed*, &c.

18 Even upon | such as | keep His | covenant : and | think upon | His com | mandments to | do them.

f 19 ¶ The Lord hath pre | pared His | seat in | heaven : and His | kingdom | ruleth | over | all.

cres 20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, | ye that ex | cel in | strength : ye that fulfil His commandment, and | hearken | unto the | voice of His | words.

ff 21 O praise the | Lord, all | ye His | hosts : ye | servants of | His that | do His | pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all | places of | His do | minion : praise | thou the | Lord, | O my | soul.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CIV.

The Care of God for His Creatures. Proper Psalm for Whitsun Day.

Single Chant. Aldrich in A. S. 138.

f 1 Praise the | Lord, | O my | soul : O Lord my God, Thou art become exceeding glorious; Thou art | clothed with | majesty | and | honour.

2 Thou deckest Thyself with | light as it | were with a | garment : and spreadest | out the | heavens | like a | curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of His | chambers | in the | waters : and maketh the clouds His chariot, and | walketh up | on the | wings of the | wĭnd.

4 He | maketh His | angels | spirits : | and His | ministers a | flaming | fire.

5 He | laid the found | ations of the | earth : that it | never should | move at | any | time.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep | like as | with a | garment : | the | waters | stand in the | hills.

cres 7 At | Thy re | buke they | flee : at the | voice of Thy | thunder | they are a | fraid.

3. The beams; rather, the floor, the foundation.

4. Rather, He maketh His spirits angels; *i.e.*, makes the winds His messengers, and flames of fire His ministers. He employs the works of His own creation as instruments to do His will.

5. See Psalm xciii. 2.

8 They go up as high as the hills, and | down to the | valleys be | neath : even unto the | place which | Thou hast ap | pointed | for them.

9 Thou hast set them their | bounds which they | shall not | pass : neither | turn a | gain to | cover the | earth.

10 He sendeth the | springs | into the | rivers : | which | run a | mong the | hills.

11 All beasts of the | field | drink there | of : and the | wild | asses | quench their | thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the | air have their | habit | ation : | and | sing a | mong the | branches.

ff 13 He | watereth the | hills from a | bove : the earth is | filled with the | fruit of | Thy | works.

mf 14 He | bringeth forth | grass for the | cattle : and | green | herb for the | service of | men ;

15 That He may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh | glad the | heart of | man : and oil to make him a cheerful | countenance, and | bread to | strengthen man's | heart.

16 The trees of the Lord | also are | full of | sap : even the | cedars of | Libanus which | He hath | planted ;

17 Wherein the | birds | make their | nests : and the | fir-trees are | a dwelling | for the | stork.

18 The high hills are a | refuge for the | wild | goats : and | so are the | stony | rocks for the | conies.

19 He appointed the | moon for | certain | seasons : and the | sun | knoweth his | going | down.

20 Thou makest | darkness that | it may be | night : wherein | all the | beasts of the | forest do | move.

8. They swell upwards towards the mountain top, or rush in a torrent down again.

10. Into the rivers; rather, into the *river beds*, or dried up channels, which the torrent has made for itself among the hills.

13. The valleys are watered by springs, and the mountains by rain or dew from heaven; till the whole earth, hill and valley together, rejoices in its fertility.

15. Oil; *i.e*, all pleasing and welcome gifts.

16. Trees of the Lord, which He planted, before ever man was created.

18. Conies; *i.e.*, rabbits.

19. To make seasons certain; *i.e.*, to mark time. Knoweth his going down; *i.e.*, goes down in regular course, obedient to God's law.

cres 21 The lions | roaring | after their | prey : | do | seek their | meat from | God.

dim 22 The sun ariseth, and they | get them a | way to | gether : | and | lay them | down in their | dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his | work, | and to his | labour : | un | til | ... the | evening.

Single Chant. Dupuis in E. S. 136.

cres 24 ¶ O Lord, how | manifold | are Thy | works : in wisdom hast Thou made them | all; the | earth is | full of Thy | riches.

25 So is the | great and | wide sea | also : wherein are things creeping innumerable, | both | small and | great | beasts.

26 There go the ships, and | there is | that Le | viathan : whom Thou hast | made to | take his | pastime there | in.

f 27 | These wait | all upon | Thee : that Thou mayest | give them | meat in | due | season.

28 When Thou givest it | them they | gather | it : and when Thou | openest Thy | hand they are | filled with | good.

dim 29 When Thou | hidest Thy face | they are | troubled : *p* when Thou takest away their breath they die, and are | turned a | gain to | their | dust.

cres 30 When Thou lettest Thy breath go | forth | they shall be | made : and | Thou shalt re | new the | face of the | earth.

f 31 ¶ The glorious Majesty of the | Lord shall en | dure for | ever : the | Lord shall re | joice in | His | works.

cres 32 The earth shall | tremble at the | look of | Him : if He do but | touch the | hills, | they shall | smoke.

ff 33 I will sing unto the | Lord as | long as I | live : I will praise my | God | while I | have my | being.

34 And | so shall my | words | please Him : | my | joy shall | be in the | Lord.

24. The riches of which the earth is full are Thine, not man's.

25. Beasts; rather, creatures, including all the inhabitants of the deep, whether fishes, molluscous animals, &c., or whales.

26. Leviathan; probably the whale.

30. When Thou breathest the word for a fresh creation, others shall come forth to take their place, so that the earth may be continually peopled with new creatures.

dim 35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the un | godly shall | come to an | end : *f* Praise thou the Lord, | O my | soul, | praise the | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm CV.

The Judgments of God upon the Egyptians.

Double Chant. Armes in D flat. S. 271.

f 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, and | call upon | His | Name : tell the | people what | things | He hath | done.

2 O let your | songs be of | Him, and | praise Him : and let your | talking be of | all His | wondrous | works.

3 Re | joice in His | holy | Name : let the heart of | them re | joice that | seek the | Lord.

4 Seek the | Lord and | His | strength : | seek His | face | ever | more.

cres 5 Remember the marvellous | works that | He hath | done : His | wonders, and the | judgments of | His | mouth,

6 O ye | seed of | Abraham His | servant : | ye | children of | Jacob His | chosen.

ff 7 | He is the | Lord our | God : His | judgments | are in | all the | world.

8 He hath been alway | mindful of His | covenant and | promise : that He | made to a | thousand | gener | ations;

mf 9 Even the | covenant that He | made with | Abraham : | and the | oath that He | sware unto | Isaac;

10 And appointed the | same unto | Jacob for a | law : and to | Israel for an | ever | lasting | testament;

11 Saying, Unto thee will I | give the | land of | Canaan : | the | lot of | your in | heritance;

35. The contrast here is not between the sinners and the Psalmist, but between the glorious works of God, which fulfil the end for which they were created, and the disobedient children of men, who waste their talents and leave their work undone. The Psalmist joins his praises as a Doxology to the Hymn of all creation.

1. The people; *i.e.*, the heathen—this Psalm being a song of the Jews.

5. *i.e.*, the judgments pronounced by Him.

7. In all the world; *i.e.*, open and patent to everybody; as S. Luke's praise was said to be *in the Gospel; i.e.*, wherever the Gospel was preached.

dim 12 When there were | yet but a | few of | them : and | they | strangers | in the | land;

13 What time as they | went from one | nation to an- | other : from | one | kingdom to an | other | people;

cres 14 He suffered | no man to | do them | wrong : but re- | proved | even | kings for their | sakes;

f 15 | "Touch not | mine An | ointed : | and | do my | prophets no | harm."

mf 16 ¶ Moreover, He called for a | dearth up | on the | land : and de | stroyed | all the pro | vision of | bread.

17 But He had | sent a | man be | fore them : even Joseph, who was | sold to | be a | bond | servant;

dim 18 Whose | feet they | hurt in the | stocks : the | iron | entered | into his | soul;

p 19 Until the time | came that his | cause was | known : | the | word of the | Lord | tried him.

cres 20 The king | sent, and de | livered | him : the | prince of the | people | let him go | free.

21 He made him | lord also | of his | house : | and | ruler of | all his | substance;

22 That he might inform his | princes | after his | will : | and | teach his | senators | wisdom.

f 23 ¶ Israel | also | came into | Egypt : and Jacob was a | stranger | in the | land of | Ham.

24 And He in | creased His | people ex | ceedingly : and | made them | stronger | than their | enemies;

25 Whose heart turned | so, that they | hated His | people : and | dealt un | truly | with His | servants.

26 Then | sent He | Moses His | servant : | and | Aaron | whom He had | chosen.

27 And these | shewed His | tokens a | mong them : and | wonders | in the | land of | Ham.

13. The three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, had each a period of banishment and wandering from their own country.

14. Even kings, such as Pharaoh (in the time of Abram) and Abimelech.

19. Was known; *i.e.*, was understood, cleared up; until his words had come to pass, and he was shewn to be a true prophet. Tried him; *i.e.*, put him on his trial, and brought sufferings upon him.

23. Was a stranger; *i.e.*, became a stranger—took up his abode.

28 He sent | darkness, and | it was | dark : and they were | not o | bedient | unto His | word.

cres 29 He turned their | waters | into | blood : | and | slew | their | fish.

30 Their | land | brought forth | frogs : | yea, | even in their | kings' | chambers.

31 He spake the word, and there | came all | manner of | flies : | and | lice in | all their | quarters.

ff 32 He | gave them | hail-stones for | rain : | and | flames of | fire in their | land.

33 He smote their | vines | also and | fig-trees : and de- | stroyed the | trees that were | in their | coasts.

34 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and | caterpillars | in | numerable : and did eat up all the grass in their land, | and de | voured the | fruit of their | ground.

35 He smote all the | first-born | in their | land : | even the | chief of | all their | strength.

mf 36 ¶ He brought them forth | also with | silver and | gold : there was not one | feeble | person a | mong their | tribes.

37 Egypt was | glad at | their de | parting : | for | they were a | fraid of | them.

38 He spread out a | cloud to | be a | covering : and | fire to give | light in the | night | season.

39 At their de | sire He | brought | quails : and He | filled them | with the | bread of | heaven.

cres 40 He opened the rock of stone, and the | waters | flowed | out : so that | rivers | ran in the | dry | places.

41 For why? He re | membered His | holy | promise : | and | Abraham | His | servant.

ff 42 And He brought | forth His | people with | joy : | and His | chosen | with | gladness;

43 And | gave them the | lands of the | heathen : and they took the | labours of the | people | in pos | session;

44 That | they might | keep His | statutes : | and ob- | serve | His | laws.

43. The labours; *i.e.*, the fruits of their labour and industry.

44. That there might be in the land a population fearing God, instead of a population of heathen.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CVI.

The Care of God for His People in the Desert.

Double Chant. Russell in E. W. 136.

f 1 O give thanks unto the | Lord, for | He is | gracious : | and His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

2 Who can express the | noble | acts of the | Lord : | or | shew forth | all His | praise ?

3 Blessed are | they that | alway keep | judgement : | and | ... | do | righteousness.

4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that Thou | bearest | unto Thy | people : O | visit | me with | Thy salv | ation ;

5 That I may see the fe | licity of | Thy | chosen : and rejoice in the gladness of Thy people, and | give | thanks with | Thine in | heritance.

dim 6 ¶ We have | sinned | with our | fathers : we have | done a | miss, and | dealt | wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not Thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they Thy great | goodness | in re | membrance : but were disobedient at the | sea, | even at the | Red | sea.

cres 8 Nevertheless, He helped them | for His | Name's | sake : that | He might | make His | power to be | known.

f 9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and | it was | dried | up : so He led them | through the | deep, as | through a | wilderness.

10 And He saved them | from the | adversary's | hand : and de | livered them | from the | hand of the | enemy.

dim 11 As for those that troubled them, the | waters over- | whelmed | them : | there | was not | one of them | left.

cres 12 Then be | lieved | they His | words : and | sang | praise | unto | Him.

dim 13 But within a | while they for | gat His | works : | and | would not a | bide His | counsel.

5. Felicity; *i.e.*, the joyful return from captivity, during which period this psalm was probably written.

9. As safely as if it had been a level plain of dry land.

13. Abide His counsel; *i.e.*, wait for the mercies He had promised them.

14 But lust came up | on them | in the | wilderness : and they | tempted | God | in the | desert.

15 And He | gave them | their de | sire : and sent | leanness with | al | into their | soul.

cres 16 They angered Moses | also | in the | tents : | and | Aaron the | saint of the | Lord.

f 17 So the earth | opened, and | swallowed up | Dathan : and covered the | congreg | ation | of A | biram.

18 And the fire was | kindled | in their | company : | the | flame burnt | up the un | godly.

mf 19 ¶ They | made a | calf in | Horeb : | and | worshipped the | molten | image.

20 | Thus they | turned their | glory : into the si | militude of a | calf that | eateth | hay.

dim 21 And they for | gat | God their | Saviour : Who had | done so | great | things in | Egypt;

cres 22 Wondrous | works in the | land of | Ham : and | fearful | things by the | Red | Sea.

23 So He said, He would have destroyed them, had not Moses His chosen stood be | fore Him | in the | gap : to turn away His wrathful indign | ation, | lest He | should de | stroy them.

mf 24 ¶ Yea, they thought | scorn of that | pleasant | land : and | gave no | credence | unto His | word;

25 But | murmured | in their | tents : and hearkened | not | unto the | voice of the | Lord.

26 Then lift He | up His | hand a | gainst them : to | over | throw them | in the | wilderness;

27 To cast out their | seed a | mong the | nations : | and to | scatter them | in the | lands.

dim 28 They joined themselves | unto | Baal | peor : and | ate the | offerings | of the | dead.

15. He gave them their desire, but it brought no blessing with it.
16. They *envied* Moses, &c. The saint; *i.e.*, the holy one, the chosen priest. 19. Molten; *i.e.*, cast in a mould, before being worked by hand.
20. Their glory; *i.e.*, the object of their worship, the living God.
22. The land of Ham; *i.e.*, Egypt.
23. In the gap; *i.e.*, in the breach—as a last resource, at their utmost need. 24. Credence; *i.e.*, credit.
28. Baal-peor, the god of the Moabites. Offerings of the dead; *i.e.*, sacrifices offered to idols without life.

p 29 Thus they provoked Him to | anger with their | own in | ventions : | and the | plague was | great a | mong them.

cres 30 Then | stood up | Phĭnĕĕs and | prayed : | and | so the | plague | ceased.

f 31 And that was | counted unto | him for | righteousness : among | all post | erities for | ever | more.

dim 32 They angered Him | also at the | waters of | strife : so that He | punished | Moses for | their | sakes;

33 Be | cause they pro | voked his | spirit : so that he | spake unad | visedly | with his | lips.

34 ¶ Neither de | stroyed | they the | heathen : | as the | Lord com | manded | them;

35 But were | mingled a | mong the | heathen : | and | learned | their | works.

36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols, which | turned to their | own de | cay : yea, they offered their | sons and their | daughters | unto | devils;

37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their | sons | and of their | daughters : whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan; | and the | land was de | filed with | blood.

mf 38 Thus were they | stained with their | own | works : and went a | whoring | with their | own in | ventions.

dim 39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord | kindled a- | gainst His | people : insomuch that | He ab | horred His | own in | heritance.

p 40 And He gave them over | into the | hand of the | heathen : and they that | hated them were | lords | over | them.

41 Their | enemies op | pressed | them : | and | had them | in sub | jection.

42 Many a time did | He de | liver | them : but they rebelled against Him with their own inventions, and were | brought | down | in their | wickedness.

cres 43 Nevertheless, | when He | saw their ad | versity : | He | heard | their com | plaint.

29. They provoked Him to jealousy with gods of their own making.
30. Prayed; rather, executed judgment, by slaying the Midianitish woman and her accomplice.
32. *i.e.*, at Meribah. 33. See Numbers xx. 10.
35. Intermarried with them. 36. Decay; rather, ruin.

mf 44 He thought upon His covenant, and pitied them, according unto the | multitude of | His | mercies : yea, He made all those that led them a | way | captive to | pity | them.

p 45 ¶ Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather | us from a | mong the | heathen : that we may give thanks unto Thy holy | Name, and | make our | boast of Thy | praise.

f 46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from ever | lasting, and | world without | end : and let | all the | people | say, A | men.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm CVII.

The merciful goodness of God in providing for all His people.

Single Chant. Battishill in A. W. 142.

f 1 O give thanks unto the | Lord, for | He is | gracious : | and His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

2 Let them give | thanks whom the | Lord hath red- | eemed : and de | livered | from the | hand of the | enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the | east, | and from the | west : | from the | north, | and from the | south.

p 4 ¶ They went astray in the | wilderness | out of the | way : | and | found no | city to | dwell in;

5 | Hungry | and | thirsty : | their | soul | fainted | in them.

cres 6 So they | cried unto the | Lord in their | trouble : and | He de | livered them from | their dis | tress.

f 7 He led them | forth by the | right | way : that they might | go to the | city | where they | dwelt.

ff 8 O that men would therefore | praise the | Lord for His | goodness : and declare the | wonders that He | doeth for the | children of | men!

45. See note on verse 5. *Us* is emphatic.

46. The Doxology marks the close of the Fourth Book of the Psalms.

2. Hath redeemed, &c. This Psalm was probably written just after the return from captivity.

7. That they might find a city to dwell in. See verse 4.

8. The chorus, *O that men*, &c., extends in every case throughout the following verse, and does not end, as is commonly supposed, with the words *children of men.*

9 For He | satisfieth the | empty | soul : and | filleth the | hungry | soul with | goodness!

p 10 ¶ Such as sit in darkness, and | in the | shadow of | death : being | fast | bound in | misery and | iron;

11 Because they rebelled a | gainst the | words of the | Lord : and lightly re | garded the | counsel of the | most | Highest;

12 He also brought | down their | heart through | heaviness : they fell | down, and | there was | none to | help them.

cres 13 So when they | cried unto the | Lord in their | trouble : He de | livered them | out of | their dis | tress.

f 14 For He brought them out of darkness, and | out of the | shadow of | death : | and | brake their | bonds in | sunder.

ff 15 O that men would therefore | praise the | Lord for His | goodness : and declare the | wonders that He | doeth for the | children of | men!

16 For He hath | broken the | gates of | brass : and | smitten the | bars of | iron in | sunder!

mp 17 ¶ Foolish men are | plagued for | their of | fence : | and be | cause of | their | wickedness.

dim 18 Their soul ab | horred all | manner of | meat : and they were | even | hard at | death's | door.

cres 19 So when they | cried unto the | Lord in their | trouble: He de | livered them | out of | their dis | tress.

f 20 He sent His | word, and | healed | them : and | they were | saved from | their de | struction.

ff 21 O that men would therefore | praise the | Lord for His | goodness: and declare the | wonders that He | doeth for the | children of | men!

22 That they would offer unto Him the | sacrifice of | thanks | giving: and | tell | out His | works with | gladness!

Single Chant. Monk in D. W. 92.

mf 23 ¶ They that go | down to the | sea in | ships : and | occupy their | business in | great | waters;

10. In darkness, &c.; *i.e.*, in sin and rebellion.

12. *He* is emphatic. Because *they* rebelled, *He* subdued their pride by affliction.

16. *i.e.*, hath wrought wonders for the release of His people.

18. In the extremity of sickness they loathed their food.

24 These men | see the | works of the | Lord : | and His | wonders | in the | deep.

cres 25 For at His word the | stormy | wind a | riseth : which | lifteth | up the | waves there | of.

dim 26 They are carried up to the heaven, and | down a | gain to the | deep : their soul | melteth a | way be | cause of the | trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and | stagger like a | drunken | man : | and are | at their | wit's | end.

cres 28 So when they | cry unto the | Lord in their | trouble : He de | livereth them | out of | their dis | tress.

dim 29 For He | maketh the | storm to | cease : | so that the | waves there | of are | still.

f 30 Then are they glad, be | cause they | are at | rest : and so He bringeth them | unto the | haven | where they would | be.

ff 31 O that men would therefore | praise the | Lord for His | goodness : and declare the | wonders that He | doeth for the | children of | men!

32 That they would exalt Him also in the congreg | ation | of the | people : and | praise Him | in the | seat of the | elders!

mf 33 ¶ Who turneth the | floods | into a | wilderness : and | drieth | up the | water | springs.

dim 34 A fruitful | land | maketh He | barren : for the | wickedness of | them that | dwell there | in.

cres 35 Again, He maketh the | wilderness a | standing | water : and | water-springs | of a | dry | ground.

f 36 And | there He | setteth the | hungry : that | they may | build them a | city to | dwell in;

37 That they may sow their | land, and | plant | vineyards : | to | yield them | fruits of | increase.

26. Carried up; *i.e.*, tossed on high by the waves.
30. The harbour for which they were bound.
32. In the congregation; *i.e.*, offer up a *public* thanksgiving. In the seat of the elders; *i.e.*, that He may be praised not by the people only, but by kings and councillors as well; in other words, by the whole nation.
33. As in the time of Ahab and Elijah.
34. As in the judgement upon Sodom and Gomorrah.
35. Of; *i.e.*, out of.

38 He blesseth them, | so that they | multiply ex | ceedingly : and suffereth | not their | cattle | to de | crease.

dim 39 And again, when they are | minished, and | brought | low : through op | pression, through | any | plague, or | trouble ;

p 40 Though He suffer them to be | evil in | treated through | tyrants : and let them | wander | out of the | way in the | wilderness ;

cres 41 Yet helpeth | He the | poor out of | misery : and maketh him | households | like a | flock of | sheep.

f 42 ¶ The righteous will con | sider this, | and re | joice : and the | mouth of all | wickedness | shall be | stopped.

43 Whoso is | wise will | ponder these | things : and they shall under | stand the loving | kindness | of the | Lord.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CVIII.

The Triumph of Christ the Conqueror. Proper Psalm for Ascension Day.

Single Chant. Macfarren in D. W. 20.

The first five verses of the 108th Psalm are taken from Psalm 57, and the remainder from Psalm 60.

mf 1 O God, my heart is | ready, my | heart is | ready : I will sing and give praise with the | best | member that | I | have.

cres 2 A | wake, thou | lute, and | harp : | I my | self will a | wake right | early.

f 3 I will give thanks unto Thee, O | Lord, a | mong the | people : I will sing | praises unto | Thee a | mong the | nations.

cres 4 For Thy | mercy is | greater than the | heavens : and Thy | truth | reacheth | unto the | clouds.

ff 5 Set up Thyself, O | God, a | bove the | heavens : | and Thy | glory above | all the | earth.

mp 6 ¶ That Thy be | loved may | be de | livered : let Thy | right hand | save them, and | hear Thou | me.

41. Like a flock; *i.e.*, makes their families both numerous and *united.*
43. Understand; *i.e.*, shall see the full depth of it.

cres 7 God hath spoken | in His | holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and | mete | out the | valley of | Succoth.

f 8 Gilead is | mine, and Ma | nasses is | mine : Ephraim | also | is the | strength of my | head.

9 Judah is my law-giver, | Moab | is my | washpot : over Edom will I cast out my shoe; up | on Phil | istia | will I | triumph.

mp 10 ¶ Who will lead me | into the | strong | city : and | who will | bring me | into | Edom?

dim 11 Hast not Thou for | saken us, | O | God : and wilt not Thou, O | God, go | forth with | our | hosts?

cres 12 O | help us a | gainst the | enemy : | for | vain is the | help of | man.

f 13 Through | God we shall | do great | acts : and it is | He that shall | tread | down our | enemies.

PSALM CIX.

The Just Retribution of the Wicked.

Double Chant. Havergal in G. S. 17.

p 1 Hold not Thy | tongue, O | God of my | praise : for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the | mouth of the de | ceitful is | opened up | on me.

2 And they have spoken a | gainst me with | false | tongues : they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and | fought a | gainst me with | out a | cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take | now my | contrary | part : | but I | give myself | unto | prayer.

4 Thus have they re | warded me | evil for | good : | and | hatred for | my good | will.

7. God has sworn by His holiness to give His people the land; therefore I, David, will joyfully divide it amongst them.

9. See note on Psalm lx. 7.

11. Is it not Thou Who didst for our sins forsake us, and Who wilt now upon our repentance help us again?

4. This Psalm was probably written at the time when Saul was seeking David's life in return for all the benefits which he had done towards him.

mf 5 ¶ Set Thou an ungodly man to be | ruler | over | him : and let | Satan | stand at his | right | hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, | let him | be con- | demned : and let his | prayer be | turned | into | sin.

dim 7 | Let his | days be | few : and | let an | other | take his | office.

8 | Let his | children be | fatherless : | and | ... his | wife a | widow.

9 Let his children be | vagabonds, and | beg their | bread : let them seek it | also | out of | desolate | places.

10 Let the extortioner con | sume | all that he | hath : and | let the | stranger | spoil his | labour.

p 11 Let there be | no man to | pity | him : nor to have com | passion up | on his | fatherless | children.

12 Let his post | erity | be de | stroyed : and in the next gener | ation let his | name be | clean put | out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in re- | membrance in the | sight of the | Lord : and let not the | sin of his | mother be | done a | way.

14 Let them | alway be be | fore the | Lord : that He may root out the me | morial of | them from | off the | earth;

15 And that, because his | mind was | not to do | good : but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay | him that was | vexed | at the | heart.

16 His delight was in cursing, and it shall | happen | unto | him : he loved not blessing, | therefore | shall it be | far | from him.

17 He clothed himself with cursing, | like as | with a |

5. Set Thou an ungodly man to be his Judge, and let the Accuser ever stand beside him, ready to bear witness against him.

6. Let the sentence passed upon him be one of condemnation, and let his plea of innocence be shewn to be a lie.

9. Let them go forth out of their squalid miserable homes to seek their food. 14. Let them; *i.e.*, the sins of his fathers.

15. *The poor helpless man.* This Psalm is clearly prophetical of our Lord's betrayal by Judas, and of the dispersion and ruin of the Jewish people who took away His life. *That was vexed at the heart;* because our Lord was already bowed down with the weight of our sins and sorrows when they crucified Him.

17. "His blood be on us, and on our children." He clothed himself with cursing, *outwardly*, but it shall penetrate *inwardly* into his very life.

raiment : and it shall come into his bowels like | water, and like | oil | into his | bones.

18 Let it be unto him as the | cloke that he | hath up- | on him : and as the girdle that | he is | alway | girded with | al.

19 Let it thus happen from the | Lord | unto mine | enemies : and to | those that speak | evil a | gainst my | soul.

f 20 ¶ But deal Thou with me, O Lord God, ac | cording | unto Thy | Name : | for | sweet is | Thy | mercy.

dim 21 O deliver me, for | I am | helpless and | poor : | and my | heart is | wounded with | in me.

22 I go | hence like the | shadow that de | parteth : and am | driven a | way | as the | grasshopper.

p 23 My | knees are | weak through | fasting : my | flesh is dried | up for | want of | fatness.

24 I became | also a re | proach unto | them : they that | looked up | on me | shaked their | heads.

cres 25 | Help me, O | Lord my | God : O | save me ac | cording to | Thy | mercy.

f 26 And they shall know, | how that | this is Thy | hand : | and that | Thou, | Lord, hast | done it.

dim 27 Though they | curse, | yet bless | Thou : and let them be confounded that rise up a | gainst me; but | let Thy | servant re | joice.

p 28 Let mine | adversaries be | clothed with | shame : and let them cover themselves with their | own con | fusion, | as with a | cloke.

f 29 As for me, I will give great | thanks unto the | Lord with my | mouth : | and | praise Him a | mong the | multitude;

30 For He shall stand at the | right | hand of the | poor : to | save his | soul from un | righteous | judges.

22. The locust, which comes and goes in swarms, with sudden gusts of wind.

26. That it is Thy hand which saves me.

30. Parallel with verse 5. For He shall stand at my side as Champion instead of Accuser, and save me from unrighteous judges who are set over the wicked.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CX.

Christ, the Priest for ever.

Proper Psalm for Christmas Day. Single Chant. Purcell in G. W. 95.

f 1 The | Lord said | unto my | Lord : Sit Thou on my right hand, until I | make Thine | enemies | Thy | footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of Thy | power | out of | Sion : be Thou ruler, | even in the | midst a | mong Thine | enemies.

cres 3 In the day of Thy power shall the people offer Thee free-will offerings | with a | holy | worship : the dew of Thy | birth is | of the | womb of the | morning.

4 The Lord | sware, and | will not re | pent : "Thou art a Priest for ever | after the | order of | Mel | chisedech."

ff 5 The | Lord upon | Thy right | hand : shall wound | even | kings in the | day of His | wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen ; He shall fill the | places with the | dead | bodies : and smite in | sunder the | heads over | divers | countries.

7 He shall | drink of the | brook in the | way : | therefore shall He | lift | up His | head.

1. The Lord ; *i.e.*, God the Father.

2. See Isaiah ii. 3. God has made His Son the eternal King, and Jerusalem the centre of His kingdom. Among Thine enemies ; *i.e.*, in spite of the opposition of the evil one.

3. The people shall be all willingness to worship Thee, in holy apparel, in the day of Thy power. Before the morning was brought forth (*i.e.*, before nights and days were created), Thou hadst the dew of Thy birth (*i.e.*, the freshness of youth). Christ was to be Priest as well as king, with a kingdom of priests, clad in holy garments, for His dominion. But lest it should be thought that the Prophet spoke of one who did not yet exist, he adds, Thou wert yet in the full vigour of Thy eternal being before Time itself was created.

4. After the order of Melchisedech ; not of Levi, whose priesthood was to pass away.

6. The heads ; *i.e.*, the princes.

7. There shall be refreshment for Him in His very path, so that He may pursue His enemies and conquer them utterly.

Psalm CXI.

The Eternal Faithfulness of God.

Proper Psalm for Easter Day. Double Chant. Randall in D. T. 75.

f 1 I will give thanks unto the | Lord with my | whole | heart : secretly among the | faithful, | and in the | congreg- | ation.

2 The | works of the | Lord are | great : sought | out of all | them that have | pleasure there | in.

3 His work is worthy to be | praised, and | had in | honour : | and His | righteousness en | dureth for | ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so | done His | marvellous | works : | that they | ought to be | had in re- | membrance.

5 He hath given | meat unto | them | that fear Him : He shall | ever be | mindful of | His | covenant.

6 He hath shewed His | people the | power of His | works : that He may | give them the | heritage | of the | heathen.

cres 7 The works of His | hands are | verity and | judgement : | all | His com | mandments are | true.

8 They stand | fast for | ever and | ever : | and are | done in | truth and | equity.

ff 9 He sent red | emption | unto His | people : He hath commanded His covenant for ever ; | holy and | reverend | is His | Name.

10 The fear of the | Lord is the be | ginning of | wisdom : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter ; the | praise of it en | dureth | for | ever.

Psalm CXII.

The Happiness of a Blameless Life.

Double Chant. Coward in A. W. 27.

mf 1 Blessed is the | man that | feareth the | Lord : he hath | great de | light in | His com | mandments.

2 His | seed shall be | mighty upon | earth : the gener- | ation of the | faithful | shall be | blessed.

2. Of ; *i.e.*, by. 6. He shewed His people, &c., and gave them, &c. 9. He ordained His covenant for ever.
10. Of *it* ; rather, of *Him* : *His* praise, &c. 1. *And* hath great delight. 2. The generation ; *i.e.*, not himself only, but his posterity.

3 Riches and | plenteousness shall | be in his | house : | and his | righteousness en | dureth for | ever.

4 Unto the godly there a | riseth up | light in the | darkness : | he is | merciful, | loving, and | righteous.

cres 5 A | good man is | merciful, and | lendeth : | and will | guide his | words with dis | cretion.

6 For | he shall | never be | moved : and the righteous shall be | had in | ever | lasting re | membrance.

f 7 He will not be a | fraid of any | evil | tidings : for his heart standeth | fast, and be | lieveth | in the | Lord.

8 His heart is e | stablished and | will not | shrink : until he | see his de | sire up | on his | enemies.

9 He hath dispersed a | broad, and | given to the | poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his | horn shall | be ex | alted with | honour.

p 10 The ungodly shall | see it, and | it shall | grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the de- | sire of the un | godly | shall | perish.

PSALM CXIII.

The Merciful Condescension of God.

Proper Psalm for Easter Day. Double Chant. Rogers in E. S. 154.

f 1 | Praise the | Lord, ye | servants : | O | praise the | Name of the | Lord.

2 | Blessed be the | Name of the | Lord : from | this time | forth for | ever | more.

3 The | Lord's | Name is | praised : from the rising up of the | sun unto the | going | down of the | same.

4 The Lord is | high a | bove all | heathen : | and His | glory a | bove the | heavens.

cres 5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that | hath His |

3. His righteousness shall be remembered for ever.
5. His words; rather, his affairs. He will not be a spendthrift, but will lay up for himself a good treasure, by helping his neighbour.
8. He waits in confidence for the final triumph of good over evil.
9. His name and reputation shall be held in honour.
10. And consume away; *i.e*, he shall be powerless in his rage, for all his hopes shall perish. 1. Ye, His servants.
3. Is to be praised, from the East to the West—over all the world.
4. Above all the nations.

dwelling so | high : *dim* and yet humbleth Himself to be- | hold the | things that are in | heaven and | earth?

p 6 He taketh up the | simple | out of the | dust : and | lifteth the | poor | out of the | mire;

f 7 That He may | set him | with the | princes : | even with the | princes of | His | people.

8 He maketh the barren | woman to | keep | house : and to | be a | joyful | mother of | children.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXIV.

The Passage of the Red Sea.

Proper Psalm for Easter Day. Double Chant. Lemon in D. W. 112.

mf 1 When Israel | came | out of | Egypt : and the house of | Jacob from a | mong the | strange | people.

2 | Judah was | His | sanctuary : | and | Israel | His do | minion.

cres 3 The | sea saw | that, and | fled : | Jordan | was | driven | back.

f 4 The | mountains | skipped like | rams : | and the | little hills | like young | sheep.

p 5 What aileth thee, O thou | sea, that | thou | fleddest : and thou | Jordan, that | thou wast | driven | back?

6 Ye | mountains, that ye | skipped like | rams : | and ye | little hills, | like young | sheep?

ff 7 ¶ Tremble, thou | earth, at the | presence of the | Lord : | at the | presence of the | God of | Jacob;

8 Who turned the hard | rock into a | standing | water : and the | flint-stone | into a | springing | well.

8. Historically of Hagar, Sarah, Rachel, and Hannah; prophetically of Elisabeth; mystically of the Church, into whose family the Gentiles were to be born.

2. Judah, which had the keeping of the ark, and afterwards the building of the Temple.

3. The sea; *i.e*, the Red Sea.

4. Skipped; *i.e.*, trembled like Mount Sinai at the giving of the Law.

5. Driven back; *i.e.*, for the people to pass over. What aileth thee, &c. The answer is found in verse 7.

PSALM CXV.

The living called upon to praise the living God.

Double Chant. Miller in E. W. 93.

mf 1 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto | Thy Name | give the | praise : for Thy loving | mercy, | and for Thy | truth's | sake.

2 | Wherefore shall the | heathen say : | "Where is | now | their | God?"

cres 3 As for our | God, | He is in | heaven : He hath | done whatso | ever | pleased | Him.

dim 4 ¶ Their | idols are | silver and | gold : | even the | work of | men's | hands.

5 | They have | mouths, and | speak not : | eyes | have they, | and | see not.

6 | They have | ears, and | hear not : | noses | have they, | and | smell not.

7 They have hands, and handle not; | feet | have they, and | walk not : | neither | speak they | through their | throat.

8 They that | make them are | like unto | them : and so are all | such as | put their | trust in | them.

f 9 ¶ But thou, house of Israel, | trust | thou in the | Lord | : He is their | succour | and de | fence.

10 Ye house of Aaron, | put your | trust in the | Lord : | He is their | helper | and de | fender.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, | put your | trust in the | Lord : | He is their | helper | and de | fender.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of | us, and | He shall | bless us : even He shall bless the house of Israel, | He shall | bless the | house of | Aaron.

1. Not for our sake, but for the sake of Thy Name, shew forth Thy glory, as an answer to the heathen.

2. Say; *i.e.*, go on saying.

3. Whatsoever pleased Him; *i.e.*, even if He should seem to have forsaken us in our captivity, it was in accordance with His sovereign will. The argument is that He is not the less God, but all the more, because He sometimes hides His face in anger.

9. He is the succour and defence of those who do so (*i.e.*, who trust in Him), and so in verses 10, 11.

13 He shall bless | them that | fear the | Lord : | both | small | and | great.

14 The Lord shall in | crease you | more and | more : | you | ... | and your | children.

15 Ye are the | blessed | of the | Lord : | Who | made | heaven and | earth.

16 All the whole | heavens | are the | Lord's : the | earth hath He | given to the | children of | men.

p 17 The dead | praise not | Thee, O | Lord : neither all | they that go | down | into | silence.

f 18 But | we will | praise the | Lord : from this time | forth for | evermore. | *ff* Praise the | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm CXVI.

The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving.

Double Chant. Battishill in D. S. 160.

f 1 | I am | well | pleased : that the | Lord hath | heard the | voice of my | prayer;

2 That He hath in | clined His | ear unto | me : therefore will I | call upon | Him as | long as I | live.

dim 3 ¶ The snares of death | compassed me | round a | bout : and the | pains of | hell gat | hold up | on me.

p 4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will | call upon the | Name of the | Lord : O | Lord, I be | seech Thee, de | liver my | soul.

cres 5 | Gracious is the | Lord, and | righteous : | yea, our | God | is | merciful.

6 The | Lord pre | serveth the | simple : I was in | misery, | and He | helped | me.

f 7 Turn again then unto thy | rest, | O my | soul : | for the | Lord hath re | warded | thee.

17. God has given the earth to men that they may praise Him therein; but the dead cannot praise Him: therefore, His people have a good hope that He will preserve them or their seed alive.

18. Here, and in the two following Psalms, make a slight pause before the *ff*.

3. The pains of hell; *i.e.*, the threatenings of the grave.

4. I *found;* and I *called.*

7. Hath rewarded thee, for thy faith and prayers.

8 And why? Thou hast de | livered my | soul from | death : mine | eyes from | tears, and my | feet from | falling.

9 I will | walk be | fore the | Lord : | in the | land | of the | living.

10 I believed, and therefore will I speak; but | I was | sore | troubled : I | said in my | haste, All | men are | liars.

mp 11 ¶ What reward shall I | give | unto the | Lord : for all the | benefits that | He hath | done unto | me?

cres 12 I will re | ceive the | cup of salv | ation : and | call up | on the | Name of the | Lord.

13 I will pay my vows now in the | presence of | all His | people : right dear in the | sight of the | Lord is the | death of His | saints.

14 Behold, O Lord, | how that | I am Thy | servant : I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid; | Thou hast | broken my | bonds in | sunder.

f 15 I will offer to Thee the | sacrifice of | thanks | giving : and will | call up | on the | Name of the | Lord.

16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the | sight of | all His | people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, | O Je | rusalem. | *ff* Praise the | Lord.

PSALM CXVII.

An Exhortation to Praise God.

Double Chant. Crotch in G. W. 81.

f 1 O praise the | Lord, | all ye | heathen : | praise | ... Him, | all ye | nations.

2 For His merciful kindness is ever | more and | more | towards us : and the truth of the Lord en | dureth for | ever.

ff | Praise the | Lord.

9. In the land of the living; *i.e.*, all the days of my life.

10. And therefore did I speak to God in prayer. I said in my agitation, all men are false and deceitful; my only hope is in God.

11. What return shall I make.

12. I will receive the cup at the time of feasting, and drink with thankfulness, in acknowledgment of my preservation.

13. Right dear; *i.e.*, so precious that He will not let them run into danger, but preserves them alive.

14. Bonds; *i.e.*, the threatenings of death.

Psalm CXVIII.

Triumph over Suffering and Death. Proper Psalm for Easter Day.

f 1 O give thanks unto the | Lord, for | He is | gracious : be | cause His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

2 Let Israel now con | fess, that | He is | gracious : and that | His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

3 Let the house of | Aaron | now con | fess : that | His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

4 Yea, let them now that | fear the | Lord con | fess : that | His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

mp 5 ¶ I | called upon the | Lord in | trouble : | and the | Lord | heard me at | large.

cres 6 The | Lord is | on my | side : I will not | fear what | man doeth | unto | me.

7 The Lord taketh my | part with | them that | help me : therefore shall I | see my de | sire up | on mine | enemies.

f 8 It is | better to | trust in the | Lord : than to | put any | confidence | in | man.

9 It is | better to | trust in the | Lord : than to | put any | confidence | in | princes.

p 10 All nations | compassed me | round a | bout : *f* but in the | Name of the | Lord will | I de | stroy them.

p 11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I | say, on | every | side : *f* but in the | Name of the | Lord will | I de | stroy them.

p 12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the | fire a | mong the | thorns : *f* for in the | Name of the | Lord I | will de | stroy them.

dim 13 Thou hast thrust | sore at me, that | I might | fall : | but the | Lord was | my | help.

1. His mercy, &c. This was the prescribed form of thanksgiving in the service of the Temple. Ezra iii. 11.

5. I called upon the Lord out of the *narrow places*—the straits—of difficulty; the Lord heard me by setting me on the *broad plain* of freedom.

10. All nations, as at the captivity by Nebuchadnezzar.

12. Extinct; *i.e.*, are gone out suddenly like a quickly burning fire.

13. Thou; *i.e.*, my enemy.

cres 14 The Lord is my | strength, | and my | song : and | is be | come | my salv | ation.

f 15 The voice of joy and | health is in the | dwellings of the | righteous : the right hand of the | Lord bringeth | mighty | things to | pass.

16 The right hand of the | Lord | hath the pre | eminence : the right hand of the | Lord bringeth | mighty | things to | pass.

dim 17 I | shall not | die, but | live : | and de | clare the | works of the | Lord.

18 The Lord hath | chastened and cor | rected | me : *cres* but He hath not | given me | over | unto | death.

Single Chant. Savage in C. T. 38.

f 19 ¶ | Open me the | gates of | righteousness : that I may go into them, | and give | thanks | unto the | Lord.

cres 20 | This is the | gate of the | Lord : the | righteous shall | enter | into | it.

21 I will | thank Thee, for | Thou hast | heard me : and | art be | come | my salv | ation.

22 The same | stone which the | builders re | fused : is be | come the | head-stone | in the | corner.

ff 23 | This is the | Lord's | doing : and | it is | marvellous in | our | eyes.

24 This is the | day which the | Lord hath | made : | we will re | joice and be | glad in | it.

dim 25 | Help me | now, O | Lord : O | Lord, | send us | now pro | sperity.

cres 26 Blessed be he that | cometh in the | Name of the | Lord : we have wished you good luck, | ye that are | of the | house of the | Lord.

14. And the theme of my song. 19. The gates of the Temple. 20. This; *i.e.*, the Temple gate.

22. Prophetical of our Lord. Matt. xxi. 42. The figure employed is specially appropriate to the time when the Psalm was probably written; *i.e.*, at the rebuilding of the Temple after the captivity.

24. The day; *i.e.*, to the Jews, the day of restoration and triumph; and to us Christians, the day of our Lord's resurrection.

25. These verses were sung by the multitudes on Palm Sunday, for *Hosannah* means *Help us now.*

f 27 God is the | Lord Who hath | shewed us | light : bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, | even | unto the | horns of the | altar.

28 Thou art my | God, and | I will | thank Thee : | Thou art my | God, and | I will | praise Thee.

29 O give thanks unto the | Lord, for | He is | gracious : and | His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm CXIX.

The Study of God's Holy Law.

Double Chant. Boyce in F. W. 73.

mf 1 Blessed are those that are unde | filed | in the | way : | and | walk in the | law of the | Lord.

2 Blessed are | they that | keep His | testimonies : and | seek Him | with their | whole | heart.

3 For | they who | do no | wickedness : | walk | ... in | His | ways.

4 | Thou | ... hast | charged : that we shall | diligently | keep | Thy com | mandments.

cres 5 O that my | ways were made | so di | rect : | that | I might | keep Thy | statutes !

6 | So shall I | not be con | founded : while I have re- | spect unto | all | Thy com | mandments.

f 7 I will thank Thee with an | un | feigned | heart : when I shall have | learned the | judgements of | Thy | righteousness.

8 | I will | keep Thy | ceremonies : | O for | sake me | not | utterly.

mp 9 Wherewithal shall a | young man | cleanse his | way : even by | ruling him | self | after Thy | word.

10 With my | whole | heart have I | sought Thee : O let me | not go | wrong out of | Thy com | mandments.

27. Offer the best and most perfect sacrifice possible.

1. Undefiled in their way of life. This psalm has been ascribed to Daniel. See ch. i. 8.

3. For they do no wickedness, but walk in His ways.

11 Thy words have I | hid with | in my | heart : | that I | should not | sin against | Thee.

cres 12 | Blessed art | Thou, O | Lord : | O | teach me | Thy | statutes.

f 13 With my | lips have | I been | telling : of | all the | judgements of | Thy | mouth.

14 I have had as great de | light in the | way of Thy | testimonies : | as in | all | manner of | riches.

15 I will | talk of | Thy com | mandments : and | have re | spect unto | Thy | ways.

16 My de | light shall | be in Thy | statutes : and | I will | not for | get Thy | word.

Double Chant. Cooke in A minor. W. 64.

mp 17 O do | well | unto Thy | servant : that | I may | live, and | keep Thy | word.

18 | Open | Thou mine | eyes : that I may see the | wondrous | things of | Thy | law.

dim 19 I am a | stranger up | on | earth : O | hide not | Thy com | mandments | from me.

cres 20 My soul breaketh out for the | very | fervent de | sire : that it | hath | alway | unto Thy | judgements.

dim 21 | Thou hast re | buked the | proud : and cursed are | they that do | err from | Thy com | mandments.

22 O | turn from me | shame and re | buke : | for | I have | kept Thy | testimonies.

23 Princes also did | sit and | speak a | gainst me : but Thy | servant is | occupied in | Thy | statutes.

cres 24 For Thy | testimonies are | my de | light : | and | ... | my | counsellors.

mp 25 My soul | cleaveth | to the | dust : O quicken Thou | me, ac | cording to | Thy | word.

11. *Hid; i.e.,* stored up.

13. I have not been content to store up Thy words secretly, but have spoken of them openly.

19. A stranger; *i.e.,* I have lost my way. 23. Dan. vi. 4.

25. My soul is brought down to the dust of death; O raise me up to life again.

26 I have acknowledged my | ways, and Thou | heardest | me : | O | teach me | Thy | statutes.

cres 27 Make me to understand the | way of | Thy com- | mandments : and | so shall I | talk of Thy | wondrous | works.

dim 28 My soul melteth a | way for | very | heaviness : comfort Thou | me ac | cording | unto Thy | word.

29 | Take from me the | way of | lying : and cause Thou | me to make | much of | Thy | law.

cres 30 I have | chosen the | way of | truth : and Thy | judgements | have I | laid be | fore me.

31 I have | stuck | unto Thy | testimonies : | O | Lord, con | found me | not.

f 32 I will run the | way of | Thy com | mandments : when | Thou hast | set my | heart at | liberty.

Morning Prayer.

Double Chant. Dupuis in E mi. W. 28.

mf 33 Teach me, O | Lord, the | way of Thy | statutes : and | I shall | keep it | unto the | end.

34 Give me understanding, and | I shall | keep Thy | law : yea, I shall | keep it | with my | whole | heart.

35 Make me to go in the | path of | Thy com | mandments : | for there | in is | my de | sire.

36 Incline my | heart unto | Thy | testimonies : | and | not to | covetous | ness.

dim 37 O turn away mine eyes, | lest they be | hold | vanity : and | quicken Thou | me in | Thy | way.

38 O | stablish Thy | word in Thy | servant : | that | I may | fear | Thee.

39 Take away the re | buke that | I am a | fraid of : | for Thy | judgements | are | good.

27. *Talk*, here and in verse 15, probably means, *talk to myself, meditate.*
29. The way of lying, contrasted with the way of truth in the next verse.
37. Lest they long after vain and empty pleasures.
38. Shew the truth of Thy word by fulfilling its promises to me.
39. Spare me the shame of being rebuked by Thee for forsaking Thy law.

cres 40 Behold, my de | light is in | Thy com | mandments : | O | quicken me | in Thy | righteousness.

mf 41 Let Thy loving mercy come | also unto | me, O | Lord : even Thy salv | ation, ac | cording | unto Thy | word.

42 So shall I make | answer unto | my blăs | phemers : | for my | trust is in | Thy | word.

dim 43 O take not the word of Thy truth | utterly | out of my | mouth : | for my | hope is in | Thy | judgements.

cres 44 So shall I | alway | keep Thy | law : | yea, for | ever | and | ever.

45 And | I will | walk at | liberty : | for I | seek | Thy com | mandments.

f 46 I will speak of Thy testimonies | also, | even before | kings : | and | will not | be a | shamed.

47 And my de | light shall be in | Thy com | mandments : | which | I | have | loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto Thy com | mandments, which | I have | loved : and my | study shall | be in | Thy | statutes.

mp 49 O think upon Thy | servant, as con | cerning Thy | word : wherein Thou hast | caused | me to | put my | trust.

50 The same is my | comfort | in my | trouble : | for Thy | word hath | quickened | me.

51 The proud have had me ex | ceeedingly | in de | rision : yet have | I not | shrinked from | Thy | law.

cres 52 For I remembered Thine ever | lasting | judgments, O | Lord : | and re | ceiv | ... ed | comfort.

53 | I am | horribly a | fraid : for the un | godly | that for | sake Thy | law.

40. Quicken me; *i.e.*, make me to live.
42. Blasphemers; *i.e.*, false accusers.
43. Let me have the power of refuting my enemies, out of Thy word.
45. And I will serve Thee freely and gladly.
46. Dan. vi., 21, 22.
48. The work of my hands shall be in accordance with Thy law. *All* my energies shall be Thine, my walk, my conversation, my joy, my labour, and my meditation.
49. As concerning; *i.e.*, in the matter of fulfilling Thy promise to him.
50. Hath revived me. 52. Thy judgments of old.

cres 54 Thy | statutes have | been my | songs : | in the | house of | my | pilgrimage.

55 I have thought upon Thy Name, O | Lord, in the | night | season : | and have | kept | Thy | law.

f 56 | This | I | had : be | cause I | kept | Thy com | mandments.

Double Chant. Foster in E. W. 162.

mf 57 | Thou art my | portion, O | Lord : | I have | promised to | keep Thy | law.

58 I made my humble petition in Thy | presence with my | whole | heart : O be merciful unto | me, ac | cording to | Thy | word.

59 I called mine | own | ways to re | membrance : and | turned my | feet | unto Thy | testimonies.

60 I made haste, and pro | longed | not the | time : | to | keep | Thy com | mandments.

dim 61 The congregations of the un | godly have | robbed | me : but | I have | not for | gotten Thy | law.

cres 62 At midnight I will | rise to give | thanks unto | Thee : | be | cause of Thy | righteous | judgments.

63 I am a companion of | all | them that | fear Thee : and | keep | Thy com | mandments.

f 64 The earth, O | Lord, is | full of Thy | mercy : | O | teach me | Thy | statutes.

mf 65 O Lord, Thou hast dealt | graciously | with Thy | servant : | ac | cording | unto Thy | word.

66 O learn me | true under | standing and | knowledge : for | I have be | lieved | Thy com | mandments.

dim 67 Before I was | troubled, | I went | wrong : | but | now
cres have I | kept Thy | word.

68 | Thou art | good and | gracious : | O | teach me | Thy | statutes.

dim 69 The proud have im | agined a | lie a | gainst me : but I will keep Thy com | mandments | with my | whole | heart.

56. This comfort I had.
57. My possession, my lot.
58. *For* Thy presence.
60. And lost no time.
61. Whole troops of the ungodly.
69. Invented a false accusation.

70 Their | heart is as | fat as | brawn : *cres* but | my de- | light hath | been in Thy | law.

71 It is good for me that | I have | been in | trouble : | that | I may | learn Thy | statutes.

f 72 The law of Thy | mouth is | dearer unto | me : | than | thousands of | gold and | silver.

Evening Prayer.

Double Chant. Turle in F. Minor. W. 168.

mf 73 Thy hands have | made me and | fashioned | me : O give me under | standing, that | I may | learn Thy com- | mandments.

74 They that | fear Thee will be | glad when they | see me : be | cause I have | put my | trust in Thy | word.

dim 75 I know, O | Lord, that Thy | judgements are | right : and that Thou of very | faithfulness hast | caused me to | be | troubled.

cres 76 O let Thy merciful | kindness | be my | comfort : ac- | cording to Thy | word | unto Thy | servant.

77 O let Thy loving mercies come unto | me, that | I may | live : | for Thy | law is | my de | light.

78 Let the proud be confounded, for they go | wickedly a | bout to de | stroy me : but | I will be | occupied in | Thy com | mandments.

mf 79 Let such as | fear Thee, and have | known Thy | testimonies : | be | turned | unto | me.

80 O let my | heart be | sound in Thy | statutes : | that I | be | not a | shamed.

mp 81 My soul hath | longed for | Thy salv | ation : and I have a | good | hope be | cause of Thy | word.

dim 82 Mine | eyes long | sore for Thy | word : | saying, O | when wilt Thou | comfort | me ?

70. *Fat*, through self-indulgence and pride.
73. Thou hast made my *body*—give me also an understanding *mind*.
74. Will take courage.
75. Out of the truest kindness and love.
79. Range themselves on my side.

p 83 For I am become like a | bottle | in the | smoke : | yet do I | not for | get Thy | statutes.

84 How | many are the | days of Thy | servant : when wilt Thou be a | venged of | them that | persecute | me ?

85 The proud have | digged | pits for | me : | which | are not | after Thy | law.

cres 86 | All Thy com | mandments are | true : they persecute me | falsely ; | O be | Thou my | help.

87 They had almost made an | end of | me upon | earth : but | I for | sook not | Thy com | mandments.

f 88 O quicken me | after Thy | loving | kindness : and so shall I | keep the | testimonies | of Thy | mouth.

Major.

f 89 | O | Lord, Thy | word : | en | dureth for | ever in | heaven.

90 Thy truth also remaineth from | one gener | ation to an | other : Thou hast laid the found | ation of the | earth, and | it a | bideth.

91 They continue this day ac | cording to | Thine | ordinance : | for | all things | serve | Thee.

92 If my de | light had not | been in Thy | law : | I should have | perished | in my | trouble.

93 I will | never for | get Thy com | mandments : | for with | them Thou hast | quickened | me.

dim 94 | I am | Thine, O | save me : for | I have | sought | Thy com | mandments.

95 The ungodly laid | wait for me | to de | stroy me : | but | I will con | sider Thy | testimonies.

p 96 I see that | all things | come to an | end : but Thy
f com | mandment | is ex | ceeding | broad.

83. Like a leathern bottle, which the smoke would dry up and shrink. S. Mark ii. 22.

84. *How many;* rather, *how few;* so few, that there is no time to spare in executing vengeance on my enemies.

85. Which Thou hast not bidden them to dig.

89. Is as firmly established as the heaven itself.

91. They; *i.e.*, the heaven and the earth.

93. For with them Thou hast kept me alive.

96. All things have their limit, but Thy commandment has none. No sin so secret or so remote, but Thy law forbids it: no work so trivial, but Thy law commands expressly how it is to be performed.

mf 97 Lord, what | love have I | unto Thy | law : | all the day | long is my | study | in it.

98 Thou through Thy commandments hast made me | wiser | than mine | enemies : | for | they are | ever | with me.

cres 99 I have more under | standing | than my | teachers : | for Thy | testimonies | are my | study.

100 I am | wiser | than the | aged : be | cause I | keep | Thy com | mandments.

101 I have refrained my feet from | every | evil | way : | that | I may | keep Thy | word.

102 I | have not | shrunk from Thy | judgements : | for | Thou | teachest | me.

f 103 O how sweet are Thy | words | unto my | throat : yea, | sweeter than | honey | unto my | mouth.

104 Through Thy com | mandments I | get under | standing : | therefore I | hate all | evil | ways.

Morning Prayer.

Double Chant. Cooke in G. W. 106.

mf 105 Thy word is a | lantern | unto my | feet : | and a | light | unto my | paths.

106 I have | sworn, and am | stedfastly | purposed : | to | keep Thy | righteous | judgements.

dim 107 I am | troubled a | bove | measure : quicken me, O | Lord, ac | cording to | Thy | word.

cres 108 Let the free-will offerings of my | mouth | please Thee, O | Lord : | and | teach me | Thy | judgements.

p 109 My soul is | alway | in my | hand : | yet do I | not for | get Thy | law.

110 The ungodly have | laid a | snare for | me : but yet I | swerved | not from | Thy com | mandments.

98. They; *i.e.*, Thy commandments. 99. S. Luke ii. 46.
105. My lamp by night, and my sun by day.
106. Sworn; *i.e.*, not by some special voluntary oath, but by my very profession, I am already pledged to keep Thy judgments (as a Christian is pledged by his baptism).
108. The willing praises which I offer of my own accord.
109. My life is always in danger.

f 111 Thy testimonies have I | claimed as mine | heritage for | ever : and why? they | are the | very | joy of my | heart.

112 I have applied my heart to ful | fil Thy | statutes | alway : | even | ... | unto the | end.

mp 113 I hate them that im | agine | evil | things : | but | Thy | law do I | love.

cres 114 | Thou art my de | fence and | shield : | and my | trust is in | Thy | word.

115 A | way from | me, ye | wicked : I will | keep the com | mandments of | my | God.

116 O stablish me according to Thy | word, that | I may | live : and let me not be | disap | pointed of | my | hope.

f 117 Hold Thou me | up, and | I shall be | safe : yea, my de | light shall be | ever in | Thy | statutes.

dim 118 Thou hast trodden down all | them that de | part from Thy | statutes : for | they im | agine | but de | ceit.

119 Thou puttest away all the un | godly of the | earth like | dross : | therefore I | love | Thy | testimonies.

pp 120 My flesh | trembleth for | fear of | Thee : and | I am a | fraid of | Thy | judgements.

Double Chant. Goss in B minor. W. 90.

mp 121 I deal with the | thing that is | lawful and | right : O give me not | over | unto | mine op | pressors.

122 Make thou Thy servant to de | light in | that which is | good : | that the | proud | do me no | wrong.

dim 123 Mine eyes are wasted away with | looking | for Thy | health : | and for the | word of | Thy | righteousness.

124 O deal with Thy servant according | unto Thy | loving | mercy : | and | teach me | Thy | statutes.

118. Thou hast weighed them that depart from Thy statutes, and shewn them to be deceitful upon the balances.

122. The Bible version is better:—Be surety to Thy servant for good. Take my part and stand by me that the proud, &c. This is the only verse in the Psalm which does not contain the word law, testimonies, or its equivalent.

123. For Thy health; *i.e.*, for the salvation which comes from Thee.

cres 125 I am Thy servant, O | grant me | under | standing : | that | I may | know Thy | testimonies.

126 It is time for Thee, | Lord, to lay | to Thine | hand : | for | they have de | stroyed Thy | law.

f 127 For I | love | Thy com | mandments : a | bove | gold and | precious | stone.

128 Therefore hold I | straight | all Thy com | mandments : and all false | ways I | utterly | ab | hor.

mf 129 Thy | testimonies | are | wonderful : | therefore | doth my | soul | keep them.

130 | When Thy | word goeth | forth : it giveth | light and under | standing | unto the | simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and | drew | in my | breath : for | my de | light was in | Thy com | mandments.

dim 132 O look Thou upon me, and be | merciful | unto | me : as Thou usest to | do unto | those that | love Thy | Name.

cres 133 | Order my | steps in Thy | word : and so shall no wickedness | have do | minion | over | me.

134 O deliver me from the | wrongful | dealings of | men : and | so shall I | keep | Thy com | mandments.

f 135 Shew the light of Thy | countenance up | on Thy | servant : | and | teach me | Thy | statutes.

p 136 Mine | eyes gush | out with | water : be | cause men | keep not | Thy | law.

Double Chant.

mf 137 | Righteous art | Thou, O | Lord : | and | true is | Thy | judgement.

138 The | testimonies that | Thou hast com | manded : | are ex | ceeding | righteous and | true.

139 My zeal hath | even con | sumed | me : because mine | enemies | have for | gotten Thy | words.

126. To put Thy hand to the work.

131. *i.e.*, drew in my breath eagerly to receive an inspiration from Thee.

132. As Thou art wont to do.

133. Set all my steps in order, that my feet may be planted in them rightly.

139. I have burned with zeal for Thy honour.

140 Thy | word is | tried to the | uttermost : | and Thy | servant | loveth | it.

dim 141 I am | small, and of | no reput | ation : | yet do I | not for | get Thy com | mandments.

cres 142 Thy righteousness is an | ever | lasting | righteousness : | and Thy | law | is the | truth.

dim 143 Trouble and heaviness have | taken | hold up | on me : yet is | my de | light in | Thy com | mandments.

cres 144 The righteousness of Thy | testimonies is | ever- | lasting : O grant me | under | standing, and | I shall | live.

Evening Prayer.

Double Chant. Crotch in D minor. S. 177.

p 145 I | call with my | whole | heart : hear me, O | Lord, | I will | keep Thy | statutes.

146 Yea, | even unto | Thee do I | call : | help me, and | I shall | keep Thy | testimonies.

cres 147 Early in the | morning do I | cry unto | Thee : for | in Thy | word is | my | trust.

148 Mine | eyes pre | vent the night | watches : that I | might be | occupied in | Thy | words.

dim 149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according | unto Thy | loving | kindness : | quicken me, ac | cording as | Thou art | wont.

p 150 They draw nigh that of | malice | persecute | me : | and are | far from | Thy | law.

cres 151 Be Thou | nigh at | hand, O | Lord : for | all | Thy com | mandments are | true.

140. Tried, like the very finest gold or silver, which has been purified in the fire.

147. Literally, in the cool breezes of the morning.

148. Mine eyes look out for Thee even before the watches of the night are over. See Ps. xc. 4.

150. The *Law* is the general term for God's revealed will. *Testimonies* are laws bearing *witness* to some attribute of God, such as His Holiness, or His hatred of sin. A *commandment* is a special order, given for the most part without any reason assigned, but requiring obedience for its own sake, because it is enjoined. A *statute* is a law for which the reason is obvious, it being framed for some definite purpose, such as the good of society, or the safety of the State. *Ordinances* are the fixed arrangement

f 152 As concerning Thy testimonies, | I have | known long | since : that | Thou hast | grounded | them for | ever.

p 153 O consider mine adversity, | and de | liver | me : for | I do | not for | get Thy | law.

154 Avenge Thou my | cause, and de | liver | me : | quicken me, ac | cording to | Thy | word.

155 Health is | far | from the un | godly : for | they re- | gard not | Thy | statutes.

cres 156 | Great is Thy | mercy, O | Lord : | quicken | me, as | Thou art | wont.

dim 157 Many there are that | trouble me, and | persecute | me : yet do | I not | swerve from | Thy | testimonies.

p 158 It grieveth me | when I | see the trans | gressors : be | cause they | keep not | Thy | law.

cres 159 Consider, O Lord, | how I | love Thy com | mandments : O quicken me, ac | cording to | Thy | loving- | kindness.

f 160 Thy word is | true from | ever | lasting : all the judgements of Thy | righteousness en | dure for | ever | more.

Double Chant. Crotch in F. T. 94.

mp 161 Princes have persecuted | me with | out a | cause : but my heart | standeth in | awe of | Thy | word.

cres 162 | I am as | glad of Thy | word : | as | one that | findeth great | spoils.

163 As for | lies, I | hate and ab | hor them : | but | Thy law | do I | love.

f 164 Seven | times a | day do I | praise Thee : | be | cause of Thy | righteous | judgements.

of things appointed, under the providence of God, to work themselves by natural causes. *Precepts* are the *teachings* of the law, and presuppose a readiness to learn. *Judgments* are the *execution* of the law, and *ceremonies* the outward circumstances of its observance. The word of God to man on Sinai was His *law*. The injunction to lay up manna before the ark was a *testimony*. The offering up of Isaac was a *command*. The decree—Whoso sheddeth man's blood—was a *statute*. The succession of nights and days is an *ordinance*, and the new commandment—that ye love one another—is a *precept*.

155. Spiritual health; salvation.

163 Lies; *i.e.*, all things false, such as idolatry and sin.

164. Seven times; *i.e.*, perpetually, as in Matt. xviii. 22. See also Dan. vi. 10.

mp 165 Great is the peace that they | have who | love Thy | law : and | they are | not of | fended | at it.

166 Lord, I have | looked for Thy | saving | health : and | done | after | Thy com | mandments.

cres 167 My | soul hath | kept Thy | testimonies : | and | loved | them ex | ceedingly.

f 168 I have | kept Thy com | mandments and | testimonies : for | all my | ways are be | fore | Thee.

p 169 Let my complaint | come before | Thee, O | Lord : give me under | standing, ac | cording to | Thy | word.

170 Let my supplic | ation | come be | fore Thee : de- | liver me, ac | cording to | Thy | word.

cres 171 My | lips shall | speak of Thy | praise : | when Thou hast | taught me | Thy | statutes.

f 172 Yea, my | tongue shall | sing of Thy | word : for | all | Thy com | mandments are | righteous.

dim 173 | Let | Thine hand | help me : for | I have | chosen | Thy com | mandments.

cres 174 I have longed for Thy | saving | health, O | Lord : and | in Thy | law is | my de | light.

f 175 O let my soul | live, and | it shall | praise Thee : | and Thy | judgements | shall | help me.

pp 176 I have gone a | stray like a | sheep that is | lost : O seek Thy servant, for | I do | not for | get Thy com- | mandments.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm CXX.

The Church of God in the Land of her Enemies.

Double Chant. Turle in E mi. W. 63.

mp 1 When I was in trouble I | called up | on the | Lord : | and | He | heard | me.

165. And it is no stumbling-block to them; *i.e.*, it is all plain before them.

169. The word *complaint* in the Psalms never means a fretful *murmur*, but a cry of real *distress*.

176. Seek me out, and bring me back again.

1. This Psalm is the first of the Songs of *Degrees* or *Ascents*, sung by the pilgrims who went up to Jerusalem at the feast, in mournful remembrance of their late captivity.

2 Deliver my soul, O | Lord, from | lying | lips : | and | from a de | ceitful | tongue.

cres 3 What reward shall be given or done unto | thee, thou | false | tongue : even mighty and sharp | arrows, with | hot | burning | coals.

dim 4 Wo is me, that I am con | strained to | dwell with | Mesech : and to have my habit | ation a | mong the | tents of | Kedar.

p 5 My | soul hath long | dwelt among | them : | that are | enemies | unto | peace.

6 I labour for peace, but when I | speak unto | them there | of : | they | make them | ready to | battle.

PSALM CXXI.

The Church ever safe under the Keeping of God.

Double Chant. Turle in E major. W. 63.

mp 1 I will lift up mine | eyes | unto the | hills : | from | whence | cometh my | help.

cres 2 My help | cometh | even from the | Lord : | Who hath | made | heaven and | earth.

p 3 He will not | suffer thy | foot to be | moved : and | He that | keepeth thee | will not | sleep.

4 Behold, | He that | keepeth | Israel : | shall | neither | slumber nor | sleep.

cres 5 The | Lord Him | self is thy | keeper : the | Lord is thy de | fence upon | thy right | hand ;

dim 6 So that the | sun shall not | burn thee by | day : | neither the | moon | by | night.

cres 7 The Lord shall pre | serve thee from | all | evil : yea, it is | even | He that shall | keep thy | soul.

f 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going | out, and thy | coming | in : from | this time | forth for | ever | more.

4. *i e.*, among all kinds of cruel and lawless people.
5. Hath long dwelt; *i.e.*, while in captivity.
1. The hills of Sion, which the exile sees before him.
5. Defence, rather, *shade*.
6. The moon, as the queen of night, is here taken to signify extreme cold. So that heat shall not strike thee by day, nor cold by night.

Psalm CXXII.

A Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Peace of the Church.

Single Chant. Bellamy in A. S. 98.

f 1 I was | glad when they | said unto | me : We will | go | into the | house of the | Lord.

2 Our | feet shall | stand in thy | gates : | O | ... Je- | rusa | lem.

3 Je | rusalem is | built as a | city : that | is at | unity | in it | self.

4 For thither the tribes go up, | even the | tribes of the | Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give | thanks | unto the | Name of the | Lord.

5 For | there is the | seat of | judgement : | even the | seat of the | house of | David.

p 6 ¶ O | pray for the | peace of Je | rusalem : | they shall | prosper that | love | thee.

pp 7 | Peace be with | in thy | walls : | and | plenteousness with | in thy | palaces.

cres 8 For my | brethren and com | panions' | sakes : | I will | wish | thee pro | sperity.

9 Yea, because of the | house of the | Lord our | God : | I will | seek to | do thee | good.

Psalm CXXIII.

Waiting for Mercy.

Double Chant. Elvey in D. T. 109.

mp 1 Unto | Thee lift I | up mine | eyes : O | Thou that | dwellest | in the | heavens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden | unto the | hand of her | mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our | God, until | He have | mercy up | on us.

dim 3 Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, have | mercy up | on us : | for | we are | utterly de | spised.

3. Compact and uniform, an emblem of the fellowship of God's people.
4. To fulfil the testimony given unto Israel. Ex. iii. 17.
3. *Utterly despised.* The Israelites, after their return from captivity, were hindered in the rebuilding of the Temple by the Samaritans and others. Neh. iv. 7.

p 4 Our soul is filled with the | scornful re | proof of the | wealthy : and | with the de | spitefulness | of the | proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

Help in Time of utmost Peril.

Single Chant. Monk in G minor. W. 32.

mp 1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side, | now may | Israel | say : if the Lord himself had not been on our | side, when | men rose | up a | gainst us ;

2 They had | swallowed us | up | quick : when they were | so | wrathfully dis | pleased | at us.

cim 3 Yea, the | waters had | drowned | us : and the | stream had | gone | over our | soul.

p 4 The | deep | waters of the | proud : had | gone | even | over our | soul.

Major.

f 5 ¶ But | praised | be the | Lord : Who hath not given us | over for a | prey | unto their | teeth.

6 Our soul is escaped even as a | bird out of the | snare of the | fowler : the | snare is | broken, and | we are de | livered.

7 Our help | standeth in the | Name of the | Lord : | Who hath | made | heaven and | earth.

PSALM CXXV.

The Lord keeping Guard over his People.

Single Chant. Dupuis in E flat. S. 173.

mf 1 They that put their trust in the Lord shall be | even as the | mount | Sion : which may not be re | moved, but | standeth | fast for | ever.

2 The hills | stand a | bout Je | rusalem : *cres* even so standeth the Lord round about His people, from | this time | forth for | ever | more.

2. Quick ; *i.e.*, alive, as wild beasts devour their prey.
4. Deep waters, heaving and swelling against us, like the sea.
1. May not ; *i.e.*, *cannot* be moved.

dim 3 For the rod of the ungodly cometh not | into the | lot of the | righteous : lest the | righteous | put their | hand unto | wickedness.

cres 4 | Do | well, O | Lord : unto | those that are | good and | true of | heart.

f 5 As for such as turn | back unto their | own | wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil | doers ;

p but | peace shall | be upon | Israel.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXXVI.

The Joyful Return from Captivity.

Single Chant. Turle in E. W. 6.

mf 1 When the Lord turned a | gain the capt | ivity of | Sion : | then were we | like unto | them that | dream.

2 Then was our | mouth | filled with | laughter : | and our | tongue | with | joy.

cres 3 Then said | they a | mong the | heathen : "The | Lord hath done | great | things for | them."

f 4 Yea, the Lord hath done great | things for | us al- | ready : | where | of | we re | joice.

mp 5 ¶ | Turn our capt | ivity, O | Lord : | as the | rivers | in the | south.

dim 6 | They that | sow in | tears : | *cres* shall | reap | in | joy.

p 7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and | beareth | forth good | seed : *f* shall doubtless come again with | joy, and | bring his | sheaves | with him.

3. The sceptre of ungodly kings shall not extend over the inheritance of the righteous.

5. Shall lead them forth to punishment, as malefactors. Israel; *i.e.*, the true Israel, the righteous.

1. Our happiness was almost too great to be real.

3. They who were hindering the restoration of the temple.—Neh. vi. 16.

5. As Thou dost turn aside the mighty torrent, swollen by heavy rains of the South country, and bursting out of its course into new channels.

7. Not *bearing forth*, but *carrying*. He goes forth, painfully toiling with his seed in his hand. He comes back rejoicing, with an abundant harvest. It was thus that the Jews looked for their reward, after the labour of rebuilding their city and temple, and cultivating afresh their desolated lands.

PSALM CXXVII.

All Things are in the Hand of God.

Double Chant. Havergal in A. S. 142.

mp 1 Except the | Lord | build the | house : their | labour | is but | lost that | build it.

2 Except the | Lord | keep the | city : the | watchman | waketh | but in | vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and | eat the | bread of | carefulness : for so He | giveth | His be | loved | sleep.

cres 4 ¶ Lo, | children and the | fruit of the | womb : are a heritage and | gift that | cometh | of the | Lord.

5 Like as the | arrows in the | hand of the | giant : | even | so are the | young | children.

f 6 Happy is the man that hath his | quiver | full of | them : they shall not be ashamed when they | speak with their | enemies | in the | gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

True Peace in Godliness.

Single Chant. Turle in D. W. 135.

mf 1 Blessed are all | they that | fear the | Lord : | and | walk in | His | ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the | labours of | thine | hands : O well is | thee, and | happy | shalt thou | be.

cres 3 Thy wife shall | be as the | fruitful | vine : up | on the | walls of | thine | house.

4 Thy children | like the | olive | branches : | round a- | bout | thy | table.

3. For He giveth His beloved, even in sleep, better things than ye can get by weary toiling. It was in sleep that the blessing of wisdom was given to Solomon, *the beloved* of the Lord; in sleep that Eve was given to Adam; that God gave His covenant to Jacob; and promised safety from shipwreck to S. Paul.

5. Even so are the *children of the young; i.e.*, of young parents; children who are old enough to fight while their fathers are yet young enough to fight beside them. These are the arrows in the hand of a giant, and every family group becomes a band of warriors. But *young children*, on the contrary, would be an incumbrance rather than a defence in the day of battle.

f 5 Lo, | thus shall the | man be | blessed : | that | fear | eth the | Lord.

6 The Lord from out of | Sion shall | so | bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in pros | perity | all thy | life | long.

7 Yea, that thou shalt | see thy | children's | children : | and | peace up | on | Israel.

Psalm CXXIX.

The End of Those who love not the Church.

Double Chant. Elvey in G. T. 103.

mp 1 Many a time have they fought against me | from my | youth | up : | may | Israel | now | say.

2 Yea, many a time have they vexed me | from my | youth | up : but | they have | not pre | vailed a | gainst me.

p 3 The plowers | plowed up | on my | back : | and | made | long | furrows.

f 4 | But the | righteous | Lord : hath hewn the | snares of the un | godly | in | pieces.

dim 5 ¶ Let them be con | founded and | turned | backward : as | many as have | evil | will at | Sion.

6 Let them be even as the grass | growing up | on the | house-tops : which | withereth a | fore it be | plucked | up ;

7 Whereof the mower | filleth | not his | hand : neither he that | bindeth | up the | sheaves his | bosom.

cres 8 So that they who go by say not so much as, "The | Lord | prosper | you : we | wish you good | luck in the | Name of the | Lord."

Psalm CXXX.

Mercy for the Penitent.

Proper Psalm for Ash Wed. Double Chant. Flintoft in G mi. W. 88.

p 1 Out of the deep have I | called unto | Thee, O | Lord : | Lord, | hear | my | voice.

2 O let Thine | ears con | sider | well : | the | voice of | my com | plaint.

3. Prophetical of Him Who *gave his back to the smiters.*
4. Hath cut asunder. 6. Withereth, because there is no depth of soil.
8. Wish you good luck, &c.; the usual salutation among reapers. Ruth ii. 4.

3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to | mark what is | done a | miss : | O | Lord, | who may a | bide it?

cres 4 For | there is | mercy with | Thee : | therefore | shalt | Thou be | feared.

mp 5 I look for the Lord; my | soul doth | wait for | Him : | in His | word is | my | trust.

6 My soul | fleeth | unto the | Lord : before the morning watch, I | say, be | fore the | morning | watch.

cres 7 ¶ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for | with the | Lord there is | mercy : | and with | Him is | plenteous red | emption.

f 8 And | He shall red | eem | Israel : | from | all | his | sins.

Psalm CXXXI.

Humility.

Double Chant. Alcock in E flat. W. 109.

mp 1 Lord, | I am | not high | minded : | I have | no | proud | looks.

2 I do not exercise my | self in | great | matters : | which are | too | high for | me.

dim 3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a | child that is | weaned from his | mother : yea, my | soul is | even as a | weaned | child.

cres 4 O | Israel, | trust in the | Lord : from | this time | forth for | ever | more.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm CXXXII.

The Presence of God in His Holy Temple.

Proper Psalm for Christmas Day.

Single Chant. Hopkins in B flat. W. 185.

mp 1 | Lord, re | member | David : | and | all | his | trouble;

2 How he | sware | unto the | Lord : and vowed a vow unto the | Al | mighty | God of | Jacob;

4. *But* there is, &c., *therefore, &c.; i.e.*, we fear Thee more truly when won by Thy mercy than when awed by Thy majesty.

6. More eagerly than the sentry who looks out for the dawn of day.

3. From his mother; rather, as a child that is weaned does, towards his mother.

1. His trouble to bring the Ark to Mount Zion.

cres 3 "I will not come within the | tabernacle | of mine | house : | nor | climb up | into my | bed;

4 I will not suffer mine eyes to | sleep, nor mine | eyelids to | slumber : neither the | temples of my | head to | take any | rest;

5 Until I find out a | place for the | temple of the | Lord : a habit | ation for the | mighty | God of | Jacob."

f 6 ¶ Lo, we | heard of the | same at | Ephrata : | and | found it | in the | wood.

dim 7 We will | go | into His | tabernacle : and fall | low on our | knees be | fore His | footstool.

f 8 "Arise, O | Lord, | into Thy | resting-place : | Thou, | and the | ark of Thy | strength.

9 Let Thy | priests be | clothed with | righteousness : and | let Thy | saints | sing with | joyfulness.

10 For Thy | servant | David's | sake : turn not a | way the | presence of | Thine An | ointed."

mf 11 ¶ The Lord hath made a | faithful | oath unto | David : | and He | shall not | shrink from | it;

12 | "Of the | fruit of thy | body : | shall I | set up | on thy | seat.

13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my | testimonies that | I shall | learn them : their children also shall | sit upon thy | seat for | ever | more."

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be a habit | ation | for Him | self : | He hath | longed | for | her.

cres 15 ¶ | This shall be my | rest for | ever : here will I | dwell, for I | have a de | light there | in.

16 I will | bless her | victuals with | increase : | and will | satisfy her | poor with | bread.

f 17 I will | deck her | priests with | health : | and her | saints shall re | joice and | sing.

6. Lo, we heard of the lost Ark at Bethlehem, and found it at Kirjath-jearim (the city of forests).

8. This was the form used at the procession of the Ark—Num. x. 35—and at the dedication of Solomon's temple. 2 Chron. vi. 41.

10. Turn not away *from* the presence, &c.

11. In return for David's oath in verse 2. 12. Upon thy *throne*.

14. He hath longed for her, saying. 15. This; *i.e.*, Sion.

16. Her provision. 17. With *saving* health; *i.e.*, salvation.

18 There shall I make the | horn of | David to | flourish : I have or | dained a | lantern for | mine An | ointed.

dim 19 As for his enemies, | I shall | clothe them with | shame : *cres* but up | on him | self shall his | crown | flourish."

PSALM CXXXIII.

The Communion of Saints.

Double Chant. Havergal in F. S. 174.

mp 1 Behold, how good and | joyful a | thing it | is : | brethren, to | dwell to | gether in | unity !

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran | down | unto the | beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and | went | down to the | skirts of his | clothing.

dim 3 | Like as the | dew of | Hermon : which | fell up | on the | hill of | Sion.

cres 4 For there the | Lord | promised His | blessing : | and | life for | ever | more.

PSALM CXXXIV.

The Ministers of God in His Temple.

Double Chant. Elvey in C. T. 108.

f 1 "Be | hold now, | praise the | Lord : | all ye | servants | of the | Lord;

2 Ye that by night | stand in the | house of the | Lord : | even in the | courts of the | house of our | God.

3 Lift | up your | hands in the | sanctuary : | and | praise | ... the | Lord."

p 4 ¶ "The | Lord that made | heaven and | earth : | give thee | blessing | out of | Sion."

18. The *glory* of David. A lantern—literally, a lamp to burn always before the Testimony. Ex. xxvii. 20. Figuratively, I have appointed a prosperous reign for my chosen king. 1. *For* brethren to dwell, &c.

2. Rich and fragrant and holy, like the anointing oil. Ex. xxx. 23. Ungrudging and generous, because it ran down plentifully, and covered the priest all over.

3. Brethren, separated by distance, but united together in prayer, bring down blessings upon one another; as if the dew of Mount Hermon in the North should descend upon Mount Zion in the South.

4. There; *i.e.*, on Mount Zion. *Even* life for evermore.

1. The pilgrims are here addressing the priests, as they offer up the evening sacrifice in the temple.

4. This is the blessing of the priests, given to the pilgrims in reply.

PSALM CXXXV.

A Commemoration of God's Wonderful Acts.

Single Chant. Turle in G. W. 4.

f 1 O praise the Lord, | laud ye the | Name of the | Lord : praise it, | O ye | servants | of the | Lord.

2 Ye that | stand in the | house of the | Lord : | in the | courts of the | house of our | God.

3 O praise the | Lord, for the | Lord is | gracious : O sing praises | unto His | Name, for | it is | lovely.

4 For why? the Lord hath chosen | Jacob | unto Him- | self : and | Israel | for His | own pos | session.

mf 5 ¶ For I | know that the | Lord is | great : and that | our | Lord is a | bove all | gods.

6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that | did He in | heaven, and in | earth : | and in the | sea, and in | all deep | places.

cres 7 He bringeth forth the | clouds from the | ends of the | world : and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, | bringing the | wĭnds | out of His | treasures.

f 8 He | smote the | first-born of | Egypt : | both of | man | and | beast.

9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, | O thou | land of | Egypt : up | on | Pharaoh, and | all his | servants.

10 He | smote | divers | nations : | and | slew | mighty | kings;

11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and | Og the | king of | Basan : | and | all the | kingdoms of | Canaan;

12 And gave their | land to | be a | heritage : even a | heritage | unto | Israel His | people.

cres 13 ¶ Thy Name, O | Lord, en | dureth for | ever : so doth Thy memorial, O Lord, from | one gener | ation | to an- | other.

2. Stand ministering, as in cxxxiv. 2.
4. For His peculiar treasure.
7. From the ends of the world; *i.e.*, from the horizon, which to our sight is the boundary of the earth. Out of His *treasure house*. This figure was adopted by the heathen poets. (Æn. i. 56—67.)
13. Thy memorial; *i.e.*, the remembrance of Thee.

ff 14 For the | Lord will a | venge His | people : | and be | gracious | unto His | servants.

p 15 ¶ As for the images of the heathen, they | are but | silver and | gold : | the | work of | men's | hands.

16 | They have | mouths, and | speak not : | eyes | have they, | but they | see not.

17 They have | ears, and | yet they | hear not : | neither is there | any | breath in their | mouths.

18 They that | make them are | like unto | them : and so are all | they that | put their | trust in | them.

f 19 ¶ Praise the | Lord, ye | house of | Israel : | praise the | Lord, ye | house of | Aaron.

20 Praise the | Lord, ye | house of | Levi : ye that | fear the | Lord, | praise the | Lord.

21 Praised be the | Lord | out of | Sion : | Who | dwelleth | at Je | rusalem.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXXXVI.

The Praise of God's Mercy.

Single Chant. Turle in G. W. 174.

The second clause in each verse to be sung *full* and *cres.*

f 1 O give thanks unto the | Lord, for | He is | gracious : | and His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

2 O give thanks unto the | God of | all | gods : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

3 O thank the | Lord of | all | lords : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

4 Who | only | doeth great | wonders : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

5 Who by His excellent | wisdom | made the | heavens : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

14. Will see justice done to His people.

19. The Psalm ends, as it begins, with a special address to the priesthood, which marks its liturgical character as a hymn used in the Temple services.

1. *His mercy*, &c.; the form of thanksgiving at the foundation of the second Temple. Ezra iii. 11.

5. Wisdom ix. 9:—"And wisdom was with Thee, which knoweth Thy works, and was present when Thou madest the world."

6 Who laid out the | earth a | bove the | waters : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

7 | Who hath | made great | lights : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever;

8 The | sun to | rule the | day : | for His | mercy en- | dureth for | ever;

9 The moon and the | stars to | govern the | night : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

p 10 ¶ Who smote | Egypt | with their | first-born : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever;

cres 11 And brought out | Israel | from a | mong them : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever;

12 With a mighty | hand, and | stretched out | arm : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

f 13 Who divided the Red | sea in | two | parts : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

14 And made Israel to go | through the | midst of | it : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

dim 15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he over | threw them in the | Red | sea : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

cres 16 ¶ Who led His | people | through the | wilderness : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

17 | Who | smote great | kings : | for His | mercy en- | dureth for | ever;

18 Yea, and | slew | mighty | kings : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

f 19 | Sehon | king of the | Amorites : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

20 And | Og the | king of | Basan : | for His | mercy en- | dureth for | ever.

21 And gave a | way their | land for a | heritage : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever;

22 Even for a heritage | unto | Israel His | servant : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

p 23 ¶ Who remembered | us when | we were in | trouble : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

24 And hath de | livered us | from our | enemies : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

10. *In* their first-born. 23. *Us* is emphatic.

cres 25 Who | giveth | food to all | flesh : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

f 26 O give | thanks unto the | God of | heaven : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

27 O give | thanks unto the | Lord of | lords : | for His | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

The Remembrance of Sion in Captivity.

Single Chant. Turle in G minor. W. 174.

p 1 By the waters of Babylon | we sat | down and | wept : | when we re | membered | thee, O | Sion.

2 As for our | harps, we | hanged them | up : up | on the | trees that | are there | in.

cres 3 For they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and | melody | in our | heaviness : | *f* Sing us | one of the | songs of | Sion.

pp 4 How shall we | sing the | Lord's | song : | in a | strange | ... | land?

p 5 If I for | get thee, | O Je | rusalem : | let my right | hand for | get her | cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue | cleave to the | roof of my | mouth : yea, if I pre | fer not Je | rusalem | in my | mirth.

cres 7 Remember the children of Edom, O | Lord, in the | day of Je | rusalem : how they said, Down with it, | down with it, | even | to the | ground.

dim 8 O daughter of | Babylon, | wasted with | misery : yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth | thee, as | thou hast | served | us.

p 9 Blessed shall he | be that | taketh thy | children : | and | throweth them a | gainst the | stones.

1. The waters; *i.e.*, the Euphrates and Tigris.
2. Upon the willows beside the streams.
5. Her skill in playing the harp.
6. In my mirth; rather, above my chiefest joy.
7. The day of her humiliation, as in Ps. xxxvii. 13.
8. Doomed to be wasted with misery.
9. See Is. xiii.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

Gratitude before all the World.

Double Chant. Oakeley in F. S. 263.

f 1 I will give thanks unto Thee, O | Lord, with my | whole | heart : even before the | gods will | I sing | praise unto | Thee.

2 I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy Name, because of Thy | loving | kindness and | truth : for Thou hast magnified Thy | Name, and Thy | Word, above | all | things.

cres 3 When I called upon | Thee, Thou | heardest | me : and en | duedst my | soul with | much | strength.

4 All the kings of the | earth shall | praise Thee, O | Lord : for | they have | heard the | words of Thy | mouth.

f 5 Yea, they shall | sing in the | ways of the | Lord : that | great is the | glory | of the | Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath He re | spect | unto the | lowly : *dim* as for the | proud, He be | holdeth | them afar | off.

p 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, | yet shalt | Thou re | fresh me : *cres* Thou shalt stretch forth Thy hand upon the furiousness of mine | enemies, and | Thy right | hand shall | save me.

f 8 The Lord shall make good His | loving | kindness | toward me : yea, Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not | then the | works of Thine | own | hands.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXXXIX.

The All-Seeing Eye of God. Double Chant. Langdon in F. T. 61.

mp 1 O Lord, Thou hast | searched me | out, and | known me : Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; Thou under | standest my | thoughts | long be | fore.

1. Before the highest and noblest of the earth.
2. Turning towards the temple, like Daniel in his prayer. Magnified; *i.e.*, by fulfilling Thy promise. 4. *When* they hear.
6. Afar off; *i.e.*, not letting them come nigh Him.
8. Shall make good; rather, will perfect, will fulfil to the utmost.

2 Thou are about my | path, and a | bout my | bed : | and | spiest out | all my | ways.

3 For lo, there is | not a | word in my | tongue : but Thou, O | Lord, | knowest it | alto | gether.

cres 4 Thou hast fashioned | me be | hind and be | fore : | and | laid Thine | hand up | on me.

dim 5 Such knowledge is too | wonderful and | excellent | for me : I | cannot at | tain | unto | it.

p 6 Whither shall I | go then | from Thy | spirit : or | whither shall I | go then | from Thy | presence?

pp 7 If I climb up into | heaven, | Thou art | there : if I go down to | hell, | Thou art | there | also.

8 If I | take the | wings of the | morning : and re | main in the | uttermost | parts of the | sea ;

cres 9 Even there | also shall | Thy hand | lead me : | and | Thy right | hand shall | hold me.

p 10 If I say, Peradventure the | darkness shall | cover | me : | then shall my | night be | turned to | day.

cres 11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the | night is as | clear as the | day : the darkness and | light to | Thee are | both a | like.

12 | For my | reins are | Thine : Thou hast | covered me | in my | mother's | womb.

f 13 I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am | fearfully and | wonderfully | made : marvellous are Thy works, and | that my | soul | knoweth right | well.

dim 14 My | bones are not | hid from | Thee : though I be made | secretly, and | fashioned be | neath in the | earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my | substance, yet | being im- | perfect : and in Thy | book were | all my | members | written;

4. Hast fashioned me, *&c.*; rather, art at work on all sides of me.

7. To hell; *i.e.*, into the depths of the earth.

8. If I dart as swiftly as the morning light breaks forth.

10. If I say, surely the night will be dark enough to cover me, then what is night to me shall be as noonday unto Thee.

12. My very inmost affections are Thy work.

14. My bones were visible to Thee, as if I had been full grown, even when I was scarcely formed in the womb.

15. My substance; *i.e.*, my entire system, though it was yet imperfect.

16 Which | day by | day were | fashioned : | when as | yet there was | none of | them.

cres 17 How dear are Thy | counsels unto | me, O | God : | O how | great is the | sum of | them !

18 If I tell them, they are more in | number | than the | sand : | when I wake | up I am | present | with Thee.

p 19 ¶ Wilt Thou not | slay the | wicked, O | God : depart from | me, ye | blood | thirsty | men.

20 For they speak un | righteously a | gainst | Thee : and Thine | enemies | take Thy | Name in | vain.

cres 21 Do not I hate them, O | Lord, that | hate | Thee : and am not I grieved with | those that | rise up a | gainst | Thee ?

22 | Yea, I | hate them right | sore : | even as | though they were | mine | enemies.

dim 23 Try me, O God, and | seek the | ground of my | heart : | prove me, | and ex | amine my | thoughts.

p 24 Look well if there be any | way of | wickedness | in me : and | lead me in the | way | ever | lasting.

Psalm CXL.

The Lord will Avenge the Poor.

Single Chant. Macfarren in C minor. W. 83.

p 1 Deliver me, O | Lord, from the | evil | man : and pre- | serve me | from the | wicked | man.

2 Who imagine | mischief | in their | hearts : and | stir up | strife | all the day | long.

3 They have | sharpened their | tongues like a | serpent : | adder's | poison is | under their | lips.

4 Keep me, O Lord, from the | hands of the | un | godly : preserve me from the wicked men, who are | purposed to | over | throw my | goings.

5 The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a | net a | broad with | cords : | yea, and set | traps in | my | way.

18. If I should try to count them.—When I wake up I am still thinking of Thee.

19. *Thou*, Who thus wonderfully searchest out all things.

1. Referring to David's persecution by Saul and Doeg the Edomite. 1 Sam. xxii.

cres 6 ¶ I said unto the | Lord, | Thou art my | God : | hear the | voice of my | prayers, O | Lord.

f 7 O Lord | God, Thou | strength of my | health : Thou hast | covered my | head in the | day of | battle.

dim 8 Let not the ungodly | have his de | sire, O | Lord : let not his mischievous imagination | prosper, | lest they be | too | proud.

9 Let the mischief of their own lips | fall upon the | head of | them : | that | compass | me a | bout.

10 Let hot burning | coals | fall up | on them : let them be cast into the fire, and into the | pit, that they | never rise | up a | gain.

11 A man full of words shall not | prosper up | on the | earth : evil shall hunt the | wicked | person to | over | throw him.

cres 12 Sure I am that the | Lord will a | venge the | poor : | and main | tain the | cause of the | helpless.

f 13 The righteous also shall give | thanks | unto Thy | Name : and the | just shall con | tinue | in Thy | sight.

PSALM CXLI.

A Prayer against Sins of the Tongue.

Single Chant. Gibbons in G. W. 115.

mp 1 Lord, I call upon Thee, | haste Thee | unto | me : and con | sider my | voice when I | cry unto | Thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in Thy | sight | as the | incense : and let the lifting | up of my | hands be an | evening | sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O | Lord, be | fore my | mouth : | and | keep the | door of my | lips.

4 O let not mine heart be inclined to | any | evil | thing : let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I | eat of such | things as | please | them.

11. Full of evil words.

2. Be instead of incense, and instead of an evening sacrifice. David was in the wilderness, fleeing from Saul, and could not, therefore, join in the service of the Temple.

4. *i.e.*, lest I be tempted to take part in their unholy feasts.

cres 5 Let the righteous | rather | smite me | friendly : | and | ... re | prove | me.

6 But let not their precious | balms | break my | head : yea, I will | pray | yet a | gainst their | wickedness.

p 7 Let their judges be over | thrown in | stony | places : that they may | hear my | words, for | they are | sweet.

8 Our bones lie | scattered be | fore the | pit : like as when one breaketh and | heweth | wood up | on the | earth.

cres 9 But mine eyes look unto | Thee, | O Lord | God : in Thee is my | trust, O | cast not | out my | soul.

10 Keep me from the | snare that they have | laid for | me : and | from the | traps of the | wicked | doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their | own | nets to | gether : | and | let me | ever e | scape them.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm CXLII.

The Spirit in Heaviness.

Single Chant. Crotch in G minor. W. 167. (Major Chant for the Gloria).

p 1 I cried unto the | Lord with | my | voice : yea, even unto the | Lord did I | make my | supplic | ation.

2 I poured | out my com | plaints be | fore Him : | and | shewed Him | of my | trouble.

3 When my spirit was in | heaviness Thou | knewest my | path : in the way wherein I walked have they | privily | laid a | snare for | me.

4 I looked | also upon my | right | hand : and | saw there was | no man | that would | know me.

5 I had no | place to | flee | unto : and | no man | cared | for my | soul.

5. Let the righteous smite me in kindness; for though he reprove me, his reproof shall fall softly on my head as a precious balm; and I will pray in return that no wickedness may hurt him. But as for the wicked, let their judges be overthrown in stony places, that they may acknowledge my words and counsels to be good. For our bones lie scattered at the mouth of the grave, like chips from the hatchet of a woodman. 1 Sam. xxii. 18. 9. My soul; *i.e.*, my life. Do not slay me.

1. This psalm was probably written by David from the Cave at Engedi.

3. The perils of my path.

4. Upon my right hand, where my champion or advocate should have been. 5. My *life*,

cres 6 I cried unto | Thee, O | Lord, and | said : Thou art my hope, and my | portion | in the | land of the | living.

dim 7 Con | sider | my com | plaint : for | I am | brought | very | low.

8 O de | liver me | from my | persecutors : for | they are | too | strong for | me.

cres 9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give | thanks | unto Thy | Name : which thing if Thou wilt grant me, then shall the | righteous re | sort | unto my | company.

PSALM CXLIII.

A Prayer for Light and Grace.

Proper Psalm for Ash Wednesday. Double Chant. Fitzherbert in F. W. 133.

p 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and con | sider | my de | sire : hearken unto | me for Thy | truth and | righteousness' | sake.

2 And enter not into | judgement | with Thy | servant : for in Thy | sight shall | no man | living be | justified.

dim 3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my | life | down to the | ground : he hath laid me in the | darkness, as the | men that have | been long | dead.

pp 4 Therefore is my | spirit | vexed with | in me : | and my | heart with | in me is | desolate.

cres 5 Yet do I remember the time past; I | muse upon | all Thy | works : yea, I exercise my | self in the | works of | Thy | hands.

6 I stretch | forth my | hands unto | Thee : my soul gaspeth unto | Thee | as a | thirsty | land.

p 7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my | spirit | waxeth | faint : hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto | them that go | down | into the | pit.

8 O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, | for in | Thee is my | trust : shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for | I lift | up my | soul unto | Thee.

9. From the chains of perplexity and fear. Then shall the righteous join me in singing Thy praises; *i.e.*, my deliverance shall all be for Thy greater glory. 5. Yea, I meditate upon the works of Thy hands.

9 Deliver me, O | Lord, | from mine | enemies : | for I | flee unto | Thee to | hide me.

cres 10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth | Thee, for | Thou art my | God : let Thy loving Spirit lead me | forth | into the | land of | righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O | Lord, for Thy | Name's | sake : and for Thy righteousness' | sake | bring my | soul out of | trouble.

12 And of Thy | goodness | slay mine | enemies : and destroy all them that vex my | soul; for | I am | Thy | servant.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm CXLIV.

Thanksgiving after Victory.

Single Chant. Cooke in F. W. 22. Purcell in G. T. 9.

f 1 Blessed | be the | Lord my | strength : Who teacheth my hands to | war, | and my | fingers to | fight;

2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my de | fender in | Whom I | trust : Who sub | dueth my | people that is | under | me.

dim 3 Lord, what is man, that Thou hast | such re | spect unto | him : or the son of | man, that Thou | so re | gardest | him?

p 4 Man is | like a | thing of | naught : his time | passeth a | way | like a | shadow.

f 5 ¶ Bow Thy heavens, O | Lord, and | come | down : | touch the | mountains, and | they shall | smoke.

6 Cast | forth Thy | lightning, and | tear them : shoot | out Thine | arrows, | and con | sume them.

7 Send | down Thine | hand from a | bove : deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, | from the | hand of | strange | children;

8 Whose | mouth | talketh of | vanity : and their right | hand is a | right | hand of | wickedness.

10. Into a land where the path is even and straight onward.
11. Give me fresh life. 2. Who maketh my people subject unto me.
7. Strange children; *i.e.*, the heathen. 8. Talketh falsely.

cres 9 ¶ I will sing a new | song unto | Thee, O | God : and sing praises unto | Thee up | on a | ten-stringed | lute.

10 Thou hast given | victory | unto | kings : and hast delivered David Thy | servant from the | peril | of the | sword.

dim 11 Save me, and deliver | me from the | hand of strange | children : whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right | hand is a | right | hand of in | iquity.

cres 12 That our sons may grow | up as the | young | plants : and that our daughters may be as the | polished | corners | of the | temple.

13 That our garners may be full and plenteous with | all | manner of | store : that our sheep may bring forth thousands and | ten | thousands | in our | streets.

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour, that | there be | no de | cay : no leading into captivity, and | no com- | plaining | in our | streets.

f 15 Happy are the people that | are in | such a | case : yea, blessed are the people who | have the | Lord for | their | God.

PSALM CXLV.

The Everlasting Kingdom of God.

Proper Psalm for Whitsun Day.

Hopkins in E flat. W. 35. Hayes in E. W. 61.

f 1 I will magnify | Thee, O | God, my | King : and I will | praise Thy | Name for | ever and | ever.

2 Every day will | I give | thanks unto | Thee : and | praise Thy | Name for | ever and | ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous, | worthy to | be | praised : there is | no | end of | His | greatness.

4 One generation shall praise Thy | works | unto an- | other : | and de | clare | Thy | power.

10. For it is Thou that givest victory.

12. *i e.*, that we may all be at peace, and give ourselves up to domestic duties, the cultivation of our lands, and the services of religion.

3. And wondrously worthy to be praised. *Marvellous* is here an adverb.

5 As for me, I will be | talking of | Thy | worship : Thy | glory, Thy | praise, and | wondrous | works ;

6 So that men shall speak of the | might of Thy | marvellous | acts : and | I will | also | tell of Thy | greatness.

7 The memorial of Thine abundant | kindness | shall be | shewed : | and | men shall | sing of Thy | righteousness.

dim 8 The | Lord is | gracious, and | merciful : long- | suffering, | and of | great | goodness.

9 The Lord is | loving unto | every | man : and His | mercy is | over | all His | works.

cres 10 All Thy | works | praise Thee, O | Lord : | and Thy | saints give | thanks unto | Thee.

11 They | shew the | glory of Thy | kingdom : | and | talk of | Thy | power ;

f 12 That Thy power, Thy glory, and | mightiness of | Thy | kingdom : | might be | known | unto | men.

13 Thy kingdom is an | ever | lasting | kingdom : and Thy do | minion en | dureth through | out all | ages.

dim 14 The Lord up | holdeth all | such as | fall : and | lifteth | up all | those that are | down.

15 The eyes of all | wait upon | Thee, O | Lord : and Thou | givest them their | meat in | due | season.

cres 16 | Thou | openest Thine | hand : and | fillest | all things | living with | plenteousness.

f 17 The Lord is | righteous in | all His | ways : | and | holy in | all His | works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all | them that | call up | on Him : yea, all | such as | call up | on Him | faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the de | sire of | them that | fear Him : He also will | hear their | cry, | and will | help them.

20 The Lord pre | serveth all | them that | love Him : but | scattereth a | broad | all the un | godly.

cres 21 My mouth shall | speak the | praise of the | Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto His | holy | Name for | ever and | ever.

5. Worship ; *i.e.*, honour.
7. The remembrance of Thine abundant kindness shall be kept up.
14. Such as are likely to fall.

PSALM CXLVI.

The Fatherly Care of God.

Double Chant. Turton in G. W. 87. Lemon in A. W. 55.

f 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I | live will I | praise the | Lord : yea, as long as I have any being, | I will sing | praises | unto my | God.

dim 2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in | any | child of | man : for | there is | no | help in | them.

p 3 For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall | turn a | gain to his | earth : and | then | all his | thoughts | perish.

cres 4 Blessed is he that hath the God of | Jacob | for his | help : and whose | hope is | in the | Lord his | God ;

f 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and | all that | therein | is : | Who | keepeth His | promise for | ever;

6 Who helpeth them to | right that | suffer | wrong : | Who | feed | eth the | hungry.

cres 7 ¶ The Lord | looseth | men out of | prison : the | Lord | giveth | sight to the | blind.

8 The Lord | helpeth | them that are | fallen : the | Lord | careth | for the | righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers ; He de | fendeth the | fatherless and | widow : *p* as for the way of the un | godly, He | turneth it | upside | down.

f 10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be | King for | ever- | more : | and through | out all | gener | ations.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXLVII.

The Lord of all Creation.

Double Chant. Walmisley in F. S. 204. Read in D. S. 202.

f 1 O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing | praises | unto our | God : yea, a joyful and | pleasant | thing it | is to be | thankful.

1. The first of the five Hallelujah Psalms, probably written for the service of the Second Temple. 8. Helpeth up again.
9. Upside down; *i.e.*, He makes everything turn out contrary to their *plans* and hopes.

2 The | Lord doth build | up Je | rusalem : and | gather to | gether the | out-casts of | Israel.

3 He healeth | those that are | broken in | heart : and | giveth | medicine to | heal their | sickness.

4 He | telleth the | number of the | stars : | and | calleth them | all by their | names.

cres 5 ¶ Great is our | Lord, and | great is His | power : | yea, | and His | wisdom is | infinite.

6 The | Lord setteth | up the | meek : and | bringeth the un | godly | down to the | ground.

ff 7 O sing unto the | Lord with | thanks | giving : sing praises up | on the | harp | unto our | God ;

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and pre | pareth | rain for the | earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the | mountains, and | herb for the | use of | men ;

9 Who giveth | fodder | unto the | cattle : and feedeth the | young | ravens that | call up | on Him.

dim 10 He hath no | pleasure in the | strength of a | horse : neither de | lighteth | He in | any man's | legs.

cres 11 But the Lord's de | light is in | them that | fear Him : | and | put their | trust in His | mercy.

f 12 ¶ Praise the | Lord, | O Je | rusalem : | praise | ... thy | God, O | Sion.

13 For He hath made | fast the | bars of thy | gates : | and hath | blessed thy | children with | in thee.

p 14 He | maketh | peace in thy | borders : and | filleth thee | with the | flour of | wheat.

cres 15 He sendeth forth His | commandment up | on | earth : and His | word | runneth | very | swiftly.

f 16 He | giveth | snow like | wool : and | scattereth the | hoar-frost | like | ashes.

2. Is building up; *i.e.*, when the captivity was over, and the exiles were brought home again.

4. He counts up His chosen people one by one, as truly as He counts the infinite number of the stars.

10. No mighty army, either of horse or foot, can win, by its own strength, His countenance and care.

13. Made fast; *i.e.*, by permitting them to be built up again.

14. With the finest of the wheat.

17 He casteth | forth His | ice like | morsels : | who is | able to a | bide His | frost ?

18 He sendeth out His | word, and | melteth | them : He bloweth with His | wĭnd, | and the | waters | flow.

19 He | sheweth His | word unto | Jacob : His | statutes and | ordinances | unto | Israel.

p 20 He hath not | dealt so with | any | nation : neither have the | heathen | knowledge of | His | laws.

PSALM CXLVIII.

All Creation Singing the Praise of God.

Single Chant. Elvey in E flat. S. 214. Turton in A. W. 14.

f 1 O | praise the | Lord of | heaven : | praise | ... Him | in the | height.

2 Praise Him, | all ye | angels of | His : | praise | ... Him, | all His | host.

3 | Praise Him, | sun and | moon : | praise Him, | all ye | stars and | light.

4 | Praise Him, | all ye | heavens : and ye | waters that | are a | bove the | heavens.

5 Let them | praise the | Name of the | Lord : for He spake the word, and they were made; He com | manded, | and they | were cre | ated.

6 He hath made them | fast for | ever and | ever : He hath | given them a | law which shall | not be | broken.

cres 7 ¶ | Praise the | Lord upon | earth : | ye | dragons, and | all | deeps;

8 Fire and | hail, | snow and | vapours : | wĭnd and | storm, ful | filling His | word;

9 | Mountains and | all | hills : | fruitful | trees and | all | cedars;

10 | Beasts and | all | cattle : | worms | and | feathered | fowls;

17. He showers down His hailstones like morsels of bread.
18. The word *bloweth* should be pronounced as it is spelt, and not as if it were written *blow-uth*.
1. From heaven, beginning with the Angels.
3. All ye stars *of* light. 7. Ye monsters of the sea.
10. Wild beasts and tame cattle, things that creep and birds that fly.

ff 11 Kings of the | earth and | all | people : princes and | all | judges | of the | world;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, | praise the | Name of the | Lord : for His Name only is excellent, | and His | praise above | heaven and | earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of His people; | all His | saints shall | praise Him : even the children of Israel, | even the | people that | serveth | Him.

PSALM CXLIX.

A Song of Triumph for the Saints of God.

Single Chant. Ouseley in G. S. 242. Ouseley in E. W. 134.

f 1 O sing unto the | Lord a | new | song : let the | congreg | ation of | saints | praise Him.

2 Let Israel re | joice in | Him that | made him : and let the children of | Sion be | joyful | in their | King.

3 Let them | praise His | Name in the | dance : let them sing | praises unto | Him with | tabret and | harp.

4 For the Lord hath | pleasure | in His | people : | and | helpeth the | meek | hearted.

cres 5 ¶ Let the | saints be | joyful with | glory : | let them re | joice | in their | beds.

6 Let the praises of | God be | in their | mouth : | and a | two-edged | sword in their | hands;

7 To be a | venged | of the | heathen : | and | to re | buke the | people;

8 To | bind their | kings in | chains : | and their | nobles with | links of | iron.

ff 9 That they may be avenged of | them, | as it is | written : | Such | honour have | all His | saints.

12. And His *glory*.

1. A new song for new mercies.

5. Rejoice in their beds, at a time when, but for His mercy, they would be spending the night in tears.

8. Bringing them into captivity, who formerly led captive the people of God; that by a just retribution may be fulfilled in them the promise that the Church, and not the kingdoms of this world, shall be triumphant at the last.

PSALM CL.

The Universal Chorus of Praise.

Double Chant. Verrinder in D. S. 205. Turle in A. W. 24.

f 1 O praise | God | in His | holiness : | praise Him in the | firmament | of His | power.

2 | Praise Him in His | noble | acts : praise Him ac- | cording to | His | excellent | greatness.

cres 3 | Praise Him in the | sound of the | trumpet : | praise Him up | on the | lute and | harp.

4 | Praise Him in the | cymbals and | dances : | praise Him up | on the | strings and | pipe.

ff 5 | Praise Him upon the | well-tuned | cymbals : | praise Him up | on the | loud | cymbals.

p 6 Let | every thing that | hath | breath : | *ff* praise | ... | ... the | Lord.

Glory be to the | Father, | and to the | Son : | and to the | Ho | ... ly | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is | now, and | ever shall | be : | world without | end. | A | men.

1. In His sanctuary on earth, and in the wide expanse of the heaven above.

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